

### Poetry-3 Now The Leaves Are Falling Fast

---

**1. What does the poet mean when he says "Now the leaves are falling fast"?**

**Ans-** The poet means that the leaves of the trees are falling and trees are becoming leafless. It shows the process of death.

**2. What are the words in the second stanza that suggest death and the effect of death on human body?**

**Ans-** In the second stanza the following words suggest death and the effect of death on human body whispering neighbors and freeze.

**3. How do we complete our last journey to the grave?**

**Ans-** When a man dies hundreds of men carry the dead body in a wooden coffin to the grave. This is our last journey.

**4. What do 'Trolls' do in the "leafless wood"?**

**Ans-** Trolls run in search of food in the leafless wood to search for food for survival.

**5. Who are the "traveler's" and how will they be 'blessed'?**

**Ans-** Old persons are the traveler's and they will be blessed with their last distress that is death.

**6. Which word in the first stanza suggests object from nature?**

**Ans-** Nurse's flower suggests object from nature it means nurse.

**7. Who are the "whispering neighbours"?**

**Ans-** Agent/messengers of death are the whispering neighbors who visit when a man is dead.

**8. How does human life become miserable?**

**Ans-** Sufferings from diseases, occurrences and many other problem make the human life miserable.

**9. In what way will the travelers be blessed?**

**Ans-** Travelers will be blessed with the white waterfall which comes out from the head of mountain. They will be blessed with death.

**10. Who plucks us from real delight?**

**Ans-** The messenger of death plucks us from the real delight.

**11. What condition prevail in the wood?**

**Ans-** The woods are leafless. The nightingale dumb and no angle is visible anywhere. The trolls are found running and scolding for their food there. Everything seems to be freezing.

**12. What does the poet say about the leaves and what they suggest?**

**Ans-** The poet says that the leaves are falling fast. They refer to the speedy arrival of old age and death. They also hint at the frustration inherent in human life.

**13. Now the leaves are falling fast, Nurse's flowers will not last; Nurses to the graves are gone, And the prams go rolling on.**

**Ans:-** These lines are taken from "Now The Leaves Are Falling Fast" composed by W.H Auden. According to the poet, falling of leaves suggests the decaying of the vitality of life. It indicates frustration inherent in life. It also speaks of aspirations that are not realized and the loneliness in which every individual lives and dies. Nurses to the graves are gone is suggesting death and grave.

**14. Whispering neighbours, left and right, Pluck us from the real delight:**

**Ans:-** These lines are taken from “Now The Leaves Are Falling Fast” composed by W.H Auden. The poet says that whispering neighbours suggest agents of death and decay. It has detached us from real delight and happiness.

**15. Cold, impossible, ahead Lists the mountain's lovely head.**

**Ans:-** This line has been taken from “Now The Leaves Are Falling Fast” composed by W.H Auden. W.H Auden the great 20th century poet, throw lights on the pessimistic and optimistic aspects of our life. He contrasts ‘cold’, ‘impossible’ with ‘lovely’. He refers to loneliness, frustration and death. But there is also an element of hope in his vision. He also says that life never ceases.

**16. And the nightingales is dumb. And the angle will not come.**

**Ans:-** These lines are taken from “Now The Leaves Are Falling Fast” composed by W.H Auden. Here the appearance of Troll is horrible and horrifying. Trolls are wicked and ugly creatures. It banishes the singing of the nightingale. Even human activities remain suspended in its presence. The atmosphere is surcharged with horror in real life, Similar is the effect of appearance of death and decay. Death's hands are ugly and is lays its hands on all.