

Poetry-6 The Soldier

1. Is the speaker afraid of death?

Ans- No, the speaker is not afraid of death.

2. How can "some corner of a foreign field" be "for ever England"?

Ans- If he martyrs in the battle field, he would be buried somewhere in a foreign land. In that way, the part of the foreign field will be forever for England.

3. 'In that rich earth a richer dust concealed'. What does 'dust' stand for?

Ans- Here, dust stands for those who avoid war and want to live peaceful life. Such people never quarrel for anything.

4. What is meant by the phrase 'A pulse in the eternal mind'?

Ans- The phrase 'A pulse in the eternal mind' means a long cherished desire. The poet wants to say that there must be a pulse in the eternal mind which makes one avoid war.

5. If I should die, think only this of me; That there's some corner of a foreign field That is for ever England. There shall be

Ans:- These lines have been taken from "The Soldier" composed by 'Rupert Brooke'. The poet expresses his love for motherland, England. He celebrates the soldier's death while fighting for his country. The poet expresses his patriotic feeling. Some corner of a foreign field can be changed into England because it can never be forgotten that his body belonged to England.

6. There shall be In that rich earth a richer dust concealed.

Ans:- This line has been taken from "The Soldier" composed by 'Rupert Brooke'. The poet expresses his love for motherland. He celebrates the Soldier's death by fighting for his motherland, the poet expresses his patriotic feeling. Dust stands for the soil of England where the Soldier was born

7. And think, this heart, all evil shed away A pulse in the eternal mind, no less Gives, somewhere back the thoughts by England given.

Ans:- These line have been taken from “The Soldier” composed by ‘Rupert Brooke’. The poet expresses the views of a Soldier for his country. It means that the poet’s heart is always in the remembrance of his beloved country. A pulse in the eternal mind’ suggests that the poet’s body was born and brought up in England and thus it is completely England.

8. Her sights and sounds; dreams happy as her day; And laughter, learnt of friends; and gentness, In hearts at peace, under an English heaven,

Ans:- These lines are taken from “The Soldier” composed by ‘Rupert Brooke’ The poet berence presents his closeness and happy remembrance regarding his country, England. He is proud of being born and brought up in England. He is full of praise for those beautiful scenery and sound found in his country and specially the people having peace and gentleness in their heart. He also missed the loving company of his friends which makes his life worth-living.

9. A dust whom England bore, shaped, made aware, gave once, Her flowers to love, her ways to roam.

Ans:- This line has been taken from “The Soldier” composed by ‘Rupert Brooke’. The sonnet may be described as the poet’s epitaph. If the poet dies in a Foreign land he will be buried there but he feels that the burial spat will become a part of England. He was born and brought up in England. His personality was moulded in England. He was fond of English flowers and he liked to move about in the English countryside