

- ◆ **Lines 5 - 7 speak about the need for righteous behaviour in the face of unrighteousness. How far do you agree?**

An ideal person ought to follow the righteous path, even if the people around him are engaging in evil ways.

- ◆ **What is the poet's approach to dreams and longings?**

According to the poet, one should have a balanced approach towards dreams and longings. Dreams and longings should not be allowed to take an upper hand in your life and destroy your peace of mind.

- ◆ **The poet believes that success comes from self-control and a true sense of the value of things. Express your views on this.**

I agree with the poet's viewpoints. In order to achieve success in life, one may have to take a lot of risk, keeping in mind the true sense of the value of things. You ought to hold on, even if losses take place on the way.

- ◆ **'Never breathe a word about your loss'. What impression do you get about the poet when you read this?**

The poet seems to be a resilient person. He is not upset by the losses. He is highly optimistic, even at the time of loss. He believes in the adage : "Failures are the pillars of success".

- ◆ **What is the message conveyed in the last stanza of the poem?**

The last stanza conveys the idea that an ideal person should be a social being, without sacrificing his own character at the same time. He should lead a balanced life. He should not be affected by the behaviour of either foes or friends.