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"Enterprise"

Analysis:

It is a poem of deep thought.

In the first stanza, the poet is talking about a group of people who ~~was~~ have ventured upon an enterprise. The pilgrimage begins with so much of excitement that the apprehended difficulties appear trifling to them. In the first stage of the pilgrimage, pilgrims feel so much charged with emotion and excitement that all difficulties, all burden seem to be insignificant. They have started the journey with exalting minds and with a certain hope and determination. There is no dwindling effect and levity

in their determination to embark on a journey. They are full of noble ideas and ~~their~~ their determination remains untested by the bitter experience of the realities of life. As they travel onwards, the sun beats down upon them but they have sufficient endurance to withstand the heat of the sun. They ~~so~~ have shown their determination to confront the challenges and difficulties on ~~their~~ the way. They are continuing the journey with the same momentum and that is evident in the second stanza of the poem. The pilgrims minutely

Observe the things and note down everything to keep a record of the witnessed things — significant ~~and~~ <sup>and</sup> insignificant.

In the third stanza of the poem, it is said that the pilgrims face the "desert patch".

It can symbolise the challenges and difficulties condition through which they

have to move through. It is symbolically referring to a kind of critical situation that one comes across in life. The poem revolves

around a metaphorical journey to a pilgrimage started by some enthusiastic people. According to critics, this poem treats the journey as a metaphor for life. Later in this poem, the poet describes that

differences arise among the group members on the question of how to cross the 'desert-patch', on the

challenging landscape. In the middle of the journey, they lose one friend who is skilled in writing stylish prose.

Therefore, a shadow of discord falls onto their enterprise. In the fourth stanza, the pilgrims face other impediments on their way of expedition. Some decide to leave the group. The poet tries

to pray to seek divine assistance in ~~in~~ this critical time. The fifth and sixth stanzas introduce an absence of hope, impending threat of destruction from elements and lack of means to subsist in the prevailing circumstances. The pilgrims ~~are~~ turn into a disorganised crowd of aimless wanderers and they ~~are~~ ~~to~~ have lose the exalted minds with which they have started their expedition. They become tired and frustrated. They become fragmented and their focus gets very scattered but they initially start their journey towards some direction. They cannot grasp what the thunder says. The thunder is supposed to indicate the voice from the heaven and it ~~can~~ lead the spiritual upliftment. When the pilgrims reach the destination, they are finally aware of nothing. They have lost the hope of salvation.

The journey that starts with a reference of pilgrimage, ends on the note of frustration and failure.

The journey makes one realise that ~~one has to~~ ~~come~~ it may have been better if they had remained confined to their home. They ~~totally forget~~ for what ~~the~~ they <sup>have</sup> come to the destination. At the end, there is complete disillusionment and a question is raised: is the journey worth undertaking? It comes to this conclusion that such an expedition ~~should not~~ is futile and it should not be undertaken at all; instead living at home appears better than venturing out on a journey.

The word 'Home' in the last line of the <sup>poem</sup> stanza has been subjected to a great deal of critical scrutiny. Home is where one can find the 'grace' or redemption.

Is the poet trying to say that home is <sup>itself</sup> India or ~~he~~ is <sup>he</sup> taking about human beings should look out for themselves a kind of solace and comfort within themselves or within the inner soul and that is the reason the word 'Home' is discussed a lot. It can be said that home is a metaphor for the self.

The journey then is symbolic of the voyage into one's inner self, the voyage of self-exploration.

The journey, according to critics, may be the metaphor of 'for life'. The word 'pilgrimage' has

philosophical implication. The literal meaning of the poem depicts that a number of people have started their expedition and reached their goal but after reaching they are very exhausted and tired. The philosophical elements are also in this poem and it tells that if one ~~so~~ ventures out with noble aspiration, one requires to be very much focused. Minute distractions in life can come and if they divert one from

The focus, one would not find the sense of fulfillment even after reaching the goal. In the poem, it is conveyed that the time the pilgrims reach the goal, they are lost. The poet depicts the joys and sorrows that accompany any adventurous quest—either into outer space or into one's soul.