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Question Bank	Topic: Adrift! A Little Boat Adrift!	Note: To be done in the notebook

Adrift! A Little Boat Adrift!

...Where loneliness leads to hope



Understand and Answer

A. Mark the following statements as true or false.

- 1. The poem is only about a little boat. False
- 2. Life is like a voyage that is filled with difficulty. True
- 3. Man sails smoothly through life and dies easily. False
- 4. The poet wants God to guide the human soul to heaven. True

Create - Work with Words

A. Choose the words associated with sea travels:

mariners, tide, run aground, navigate

B. Match the words in Column A with their meanings in Column B.

- 1. deck: upper open level of a ship
- 2. crew: a group of sailors
- 3. mast: a tall pole carrying the main sail
- 4. prow: pointed front part of a ship
- 5. cabin: room
- 6. ahoy: call used to draw attention
- 7. harbor: natural shelter for ships on the coast
- 8. dock: place for loading, unloading and repair of ships
- 9. port: town or city with a harbor
- 10. course: path of travel

Answer the following questions.

1. What did the sailors say?

Ans-The sailors said that at dusk a little boat gave up its struggle against the storm and was drowned.

2. What did the angels say?

Ans: The angels said that at dawn the little boat which was exhausted due to storm, adjusted its mast and rose up again to great pride or joy.

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3. What is the message from the poem?

Ans: Life is like a voyage that is filled with difficulties. Man faces many challenges throughout his life; but once you strive to do something, it must be done. God is there to guide the human soul to heaven.

4. What is an allegory?

Ans: An allegory is a story or poem with two meanings, one on the surface, and another hidden inside which is represented by the words.

5. Is this poem an allegory? Give reasons.

Ans - Yes, this poem is an allegory. On the surface it is a story of a little boat, but on the other hand it throws light on the theme of death and compares a drifting boat to life.

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