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Worksheet No: 10	Topic: The Nightingale and the Glow-worm -William Cowper	Note: English Notebook/Reference Material

A1. Answer these questions:

1. Complete these sentences:

- The Nightingale was _____.
 - He brought happiness _____.
 - He was perched on a _____.
 - He was going to eat _____.
- How did the Nightingale see the glow-worm?
 - Did he consume the glow-worm? Why?
 - How did the nightingale satisfy his hunger?

A2. Answer these questions with reference to the context:

1. 'Did you admire my lamp,' quoth he, 'As much as I your minstrelsy...'

- Who said these words and to whom?
- What 'lamp' is the speaker referring to?
- What is the speaker's state of mind here?
- What is the speaker trying to do?

2. 'For 'twas the self-same

power divine, Taught you to sing, and me to shine...'

- a) Who said this and to whom?
- b) Which 'power' is being referred to here?
- c) What is the speaker's intent?
- d) What skill does the speaker exhibit in these lines?

3. *The songster heard his short oration,*

And warbling out his approbation...

- a) Who is the songster?
- b) Whose oration did he hear?
- c) Why was he impressed with the speech?
- d) How did the songster show his appreciation?

A3. Think and Answer:

1. How did the Glow-worm save his own life? What impression do you form about the Glow-worm from this?
2. What quality does the nightingale display in the poem?
3. What is the theme of the poem?
4. Are people from different communities and cultures really different? Do you think people from totally different communities and backgrounds can co-exist peacefully? Express your views.

EXTRA PRACTICE:

O.1. Choose the correct option:

1. Which two creatures are the main characters in the poem?
 - a. a nightingale and a glow worm
 - b. a glow worm and a frog
 - c. a frog and a nightingale
2. What did the glow worm admire the nightingale for?

- a. for his flight
 - b. for his beauty
 - c. for his singing
3. What did the nightingale intend to do with the glow worm?
- a. He wanted to take away his light.
 - b. He wanted to teach him to sing.
 - c. He wanted to eat him for dinner.
4. What did the nightingale finally do?
- a. He took the glow worm on a flight in the vicinity.
 - b. He released the glow worm and found his supper somewhere else.
 - c. He ate up the glow worm.

Q.2. Match the following:

1. Hawthorn	fluent; expressive
2. Suspended	spoke to someone in a very persuasive way
3. eventide	a small tree with thorns
4. Harangued	stopped
5. eloquent	evening

Q.3. Fill in the blanks:

1. A _____ cheered the village singing all day long.
2. He started to feel _____ by the end of the day.
3. He saw a _____ creeping on the ground.
4. He knew it was a glow worm because of its _____.
5. The nightingale was sitting on top of a _____ tree.
