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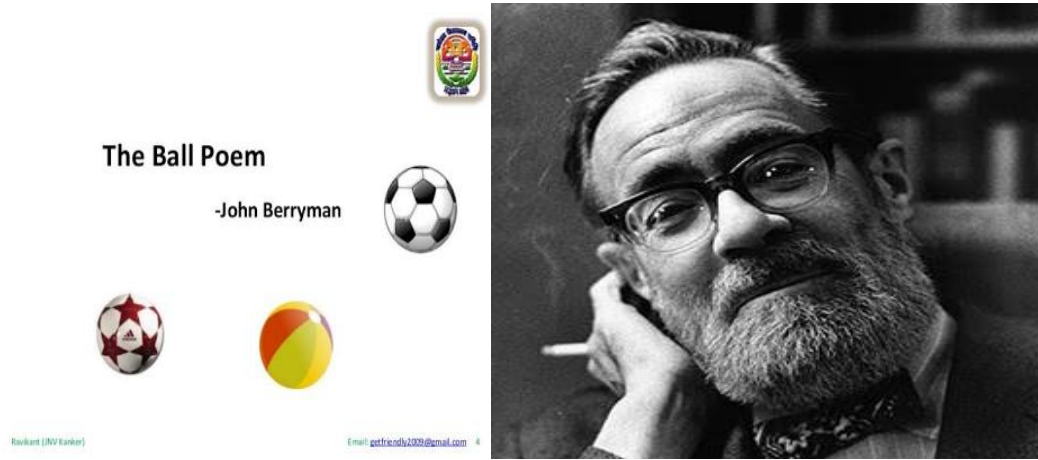
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Content-

The Ball Poem- class 10th

The ball poem



John Berryman

The poet describes the grief of a boy over the loss of his ball. The ball is symbolic in the poem as it is associated with the sweet memories of his childhood. No other ball can compensate the loss. With that loss he senses his first responsibility in a materialistic world where those whom we love and our worldly possessions will not be with us for ever. The poet sympathizes with the boy but says that like everyman very soon he would also learn to stand up despite all obstacles from the experience of losing something.

Central Idea

The central idea of the poem is that everybody loses something in one day or the other in this world of possession, But men should not grieve over the loss of material things gains and losses are part and parcel of man's life. He should accept them as a common matter of daily life.

Glossary

Possession- स्वामित्व

Grieve over- चिन्ता करना

Material things -भौतिक चीजें

Common matter-साधारण मामला

Passage

Balls, balls.....stand-up.

Qu- What is the title of the poem?

Ans- The title of the poem is The Ball poem.

Que- What lesson can the boy learn from the loss of the ball?

Ans –The poet says the boy is learning a very important lesson from loss of a ball. He is learning his first lesson of how to put up with a material loss. He has learnt that things once lost are lost forever. It is futile to grieve over them.