

YOUR WORLD - Poem
MQA

Q1. What is the speaker like initially?

Ans 1. Initially, the speaker was norm-abiding. She would restrain herself from accomplishing her dreams and aspirations.

Q2. What fears do you think kept the poet from pursuing the life she wanted?

Ans Social prejudices and the fear of getting judged kept her from pursuing the life that she wanted.

Q3. Which lines from the poem tell us about her fear?

Ans The line, "My wings pressing close to my side" tells us that she was afraid.

Q4. What inspired the speaker to leave her nest?

Ans The realisation that there is a promising world outside the confines of her circumstances inspired the speaker to leave her nest and fly. As a result, the speaker began shattering everything that was restricting, making her hesitant to explore the world. The freedom and levels of success she has achieved has been rapturous and powerful.

Q5. Where do you think the speaker found the power or the strength to pursue her dreams?

Ans The speaker found the strength to pursue her dreams within herself. The poem is about self-discovery that brings to her a new sense of confidence and conviction. The speaker compares herself to a little bird whose wings were at first pressed closely to her sides. She was perhaps, conditioned by circumstances. But soon she found strength within herself to explore the exciting world of endless possibilities that beckons.

Q6. Did the speaker find it difficult to soar to the uttermost reaches?

Ans Once the speaker began her flight, it was not difficult at all to soar to the uttermost reaches. In fact, the speaker says, "Then soared to the uttermost reaches, with rapture, with power, with ease!"

Q7. What was the most difficult part of her journey?

Ans The most difficult part of the speaker's journey was breaking the shackles that tied her down and finally taking the leap.

Q8. What makes our world big or narrow?

Ans It is perhaps one's perspective which makes their world 'big' or 'narrow'. A wide worldview enables a person to break through the obstacles and achieve what he desires. A narrow perspective or one which is marred with biases pulls the person down and stops him from pursuing what he desires.