

Your World.

Summary.

The speaker in the poem tells the readers that the world? as big or as small as we make it. She knows this fact from personal experience. She had lived in a corner of her world, respecting its rules of propriety while longing for the brighter opportunities available in the world. Until she learnt to break free from her bonds and soar into the wind like a bird. Then she found that she could reach the distant horizon of her dreams naturally with ease.

In the poem the poet uses a bird as a metaphor to represent how man feels controlled by his own fears and apprehensions. The bird thought it has a great desire to reach distant horizon and travel farthest, fears achieving this task for apparent reason. Then the bird fights against all the difficulties that had bound it and flew to its place of its dreams. The bird then realizes that this was the best experience. The poet stresses on the fact that similarly anything can be achieved with perseverance.

and focus using the bird as a symbol the poet seems to indicate that man should free himself from the limitation he has and strive to reach his goal using his potential to the full.

Question / Answer

1) What is the speaker like initially? what fears do you think kept her from possessing the life that she wanted? which line from the poem tells us that she was afraid?

A) Initially the speaker was norm abiding. She would restrain herself from accomplishing her dreams and aspirations. Social prejudices and the life that she wanted.

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

2) What inspired the speaker to leave the nest and fly?

A) 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 begin shattering everything that was restricting, making her hesitant to explore the world. The freedom and leaves of her success she has achieved has been represented and powerful.

3) With rapture, with power, with ease! where do you think the speaker found the power or the strength to pursue her dreams?

A) 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 unempowers herself to a little bird whose wings were first pressed close to her sides. She was perhaps conditioned by her circumstances. But soon she found strength within herself to explore the existing world of endless possibilities that broken!

4) Did the speaker find it difficult to 'soar to the uttermost reaches'? What was the most difficult part of her journey?

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

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

5a) In your opinion, what makes our world 'big' or 'narrow'?

A) 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 deserves.

A narrow perspective or which is married with biases pulls the person down and stops him from pursuing what he desires.

5b) What does a 'big' world mean to you? What are the dreams and ~~intre~~ interests you aspire to?

A) Free response.