

Hello learners, today we will learn the poem my grandmother's house by Kamala Das.

We will discuss the summary and then proceed with the structure of the poem, themes and poetic devices.

Learning outcomes by the end of the module, the students will be able to read and understand the poem.

And appreciate the poem based on its Theme, structure and poetic devices.

My Grandmother's House- there is a house now far away where once I received love.

From the very first line we understand the poem is about the speaker.

It has nostalgic and autobiographical tone.

Poet remembers her grandmother and her grandmother's house.

She says now her grandmother is dead and she has lost that love that once she received from her.

She used to visit her grandmother's

house in her childhood days.

Now she missed those childhood days.

She says that her house is

far away when she uses the word.

Now, it represents that her present state

is not the same as her past.

Her strong desire to get

her grandmother's love

is evident in the following lines.

She further says that after

her grandmother's death,

the house is wrapped into silence.

No one goes there.

In fact, the house has lost its soul.

She says that after her grandmother's death,

nature has invaded into that

house in the form of snake.

Snakes are symbols of danger and coldness.

Her emotional attachment to her grandmother

is evident from the fact that she still

wants to go there and visit that house.

She wants to go there and peep

through the window and listen

to the frozen air in that house.

She is too attached to that house

with the ropes of past memories.

When she says that she wants to

bring some memories from that house,

it makes it clear that her present

life is devoid of true love.

She wants to bring the memories,

the love,

the unconditional love that

her grandmother gave her.

She wants to bring back the

memories of her grandmother.

The love of her grandmother

back into her life.

She further states that those were

the best days of her life when she

used to visit her grandmother's house,

where she used to get her grandmother's

love and now she craves for that

love, that true love.

At the same time,

she is very sure that she is not going

to get that kind of love from anyone,

that kind of care from anyone

else in her life.

And hence.

She is compelled to beg at

the stranger's doors.

Which means she is searching for

momentary love from strangers

from whoever comes into her life.

But she says,

and she asserts that her quest

for true love is never ending.

We can sum up the poem by saying that

it talks about the poet's sorrows,

pain and lost memories.

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The poem talks about the poet's memories,

sorrows, desires and hope.

The poem has 16 lines,

and again, there is no fixed rhyme

scheme and it is written in free verse.

It has a melancholic and nostalgic tone

where the speaker is talking about her

grandmother and her grandmother's love.

The themes that we can explore in this

poem are of nostalgia, relationships,

the quest for unconditional love and of despair.

The poet remembers her grandmother's house.

And relates that to her grandmother's love,

which is now in her memories only.

The various poetic devices

used are first images.

Here we can see.

In the line, snakes moved among books.

The image of Snake creates an atmosphere

of danger and coldness.

Again peer through

blind eyes of Windows.

Here the image of empty house is

created by the poet,

Like a brooding dog,

here one can imagine

how the poet is waiting for that

unconditional love in her life.

Beg now at Stranger's door - speaker creates

an image of the beggar where she is

moving from one relationship to another.

To compensate for the lost love that she

had once in her life through her grandmother.

The line beg now at stranger's doors

here the poet is trying to compensate

for the lost love by begging at the

doors of strangers for momentary love.

Similar can be seen in these two lines where

she's comparing her blood,

which turned cold like the moon.

Again,

she's seeing darkness to bring

it here to lie behind my bedroom

door like a brooding dog.

The poet has personified windows

and darkness by giving eyes

blind eyes to the windows.

And saying that she will bring

darkness and lie behind her bedroom.

My references are.