



Subject: English  
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POEM-3  
Topic : THE SHED

### **SUMMARY OF THE POEM –**

There is a shed at the bottom of the poet's garden and the poet wishes to visit it one day. There is a spider's web on the door of the shed and its hinges are rusty and creak when the wind blows. The poet often thinks about it while lying in his bed. On one side of the shed, there is a dusty window and three of its window panes are broken. The poet feels as if someone stares at him through the window and whenever the poet visits the shed he would like to find out who lives there.

The poet's brother informs him that a ghost lives inside the shed and if the poet dares to enter the shed, the ghost would chop off his head. Despite these warnings, the poet wishes to visit the shed and peep inside. The poet believes that his brother tells him imaginative stories about the ghost as he wants to keep the shed for himself. The poet no longer feels anyone staring at him or hears any strange noises coming from the shed. The spider, too, is no longer there. Thus, very soon he would go inside the shed.

### **WORKING WITH THE POEM –**

#### **1. Answer the following questions.**

- i) Who is the speaker in the poem?
- ii) Is she/he afraid or curious or both?
- iii) What is she/he planning to do soon?

#### **Solution:**

- i) The speaker is the poet himself.
- ii) The speaker seems to be both Curious as well as afraid to go inside the shed. He wants to find out what is inside the shed. At the same time, he is afraid as he was threatened by his brother about the shed.
- iii) He/She plans to go inside the shed after some day soon.

**POST ACTIVITY:** Write about a place where you would never like to go alone.