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LESSON-8. DAFFODILS

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A) Pre Activity: Do you love nature? Write 3 points on how do you appreciate the beauty of nature?

B) Word meanings:

1. wandered- roamed around without any purpose.
2. vales – valley
3. host – mass, huge numbers
4. fluttering – moving with light motions.
5. bay – a broad are of the sea where the land curves inwards.
6. sprightly – lively
7. glee – amusement
8. jocund – cheerful
9. vacant – blank
10. pensive – contemplative, serious.
11. inward – mind’s eye
12. solitude – the state of being alone.

C) Answer the following questions:

1. Why did the poet think himself to be like a cloud?

Ans: The poet was wandering aimlessly and lonely over the valleys and the hills so he called himself to be like a cloud which just like him wandered over here and there.

2. The poet found the daffodils to be more pleasing than what?

Ans: The poet found the daffodils to be more pleasing than the waves as the flowers outdid the waves and danced in joy.

3. When would the poet recall the beauty of the daffodils?

Ans: Whenever the poet is in a pensive mood or is feeling sad, he recalls the daffodils. The thought of daffodils makes him happy.

4. What made the daffodils toss their heads?

Ans: The breeze made the daffodils flutter and dance. It seems that the daffodils were tossing their heads as if they were dancing in happiness.

5. After reading the poem, what do you think about the poet?

Ans: After reading the poem, I think that the poet was a nature lover. According to him, the sight of happy flowers tossing their heads takes away all sadness.

D) Reference to context:

**a. “ Continuous as the stars that shine
And twinkle on the Milky Way,
They stretched in never – ending line
Along the margin of a bay:”**

Q1. What has been compared to the stars? Do they really twinkle?

Ans: Thousands of daffodils have been compared to stars. No, they do not twinkle but their fluttering and dancing in the breeze are compared to the shining of the stars.

Q2. What does the phrase 'never – ending line ' indicate?

Ans: The phrase 'never-ending line' indicates the occurrence of a larger number of flowers beside the lake.

Q3. Where were 'they' found by the poet?

Ans: They were found by the poet beside a lake, beneath the trees.

b. For oft, when on my couch I lie

In vacant or in pensive mood,

They flash upon that inward eye

Which is the bliss of solitude;

Q1. What does the phrase 'for oft' mean?

Ans: The phrase 'for oft' means often.

Q2. How would the poet feel sometimes?

Ans: The poet feels sad and thoughtful.

Q3. In spite of feeling low and being in a serious mood, what brought joy to the poet? Ans: Whenever the poet feels low or sad, he recalls the daffodils and then his heart fills with pleasure and dances with the daffodils.

E) Post Activity:

Q.1. What do you think nature teaches us?

Ans: Nature teaches us gratitude, appreciation, comfort, creativity, happiness, survival, curiosity, humility, perseverance

