

Summary

A great lover of nature, William Wordsworth, had once wandered aimlessly just like a cloud floats in the sky. He had suddenly come across countless golden daffodils by the side of a lake. Those golden daffodils were fluttering and dancing in the air, appearing like stars twinkling in the sky. The poet made as if they were dancing in a frenzy.

The poet compares the golden daffodils with the stars that shine and twinkle in the sky. The poet feels the number of the daffodils as never ending as the stars in the Milky Way.

The waves of the lake are also dancing but the dance of the daffodils surpassed the dance of the waves in happiness. The poet is wonderfully delighted in such a pleasant company. According to the poet, he could scarcely realize that he was collecting a treasure in his mind.

As time went on the poet found himself in vacant or pensive mood but the beautiful sight of the golden daffodils began appearing in his mind and that recollection filled the poet's heart with extraordinary delight.

In a nutshell, the poem exemplifies how William Wordsworth, a pantheist, derived extraordinary bliss in the most ordinary things.

THE SUITOR AND PAPA

Comprehension:--

Q. Why did Pyotr's friend ask for a stag party?

Pyotr's friend asked for a stag party because there were rumours all around about Pyotr's marriage.

Q. Why did Pyotr's friend conclude that he was planning to marry Nastya?

Pyotr's friend concluded that Pyotr was planning to marry Nastya because Pyotr would spend days with the Kondrashkins. He would dine with them and go for walks with Nastya and Kondrashkins. He would take bunches of flowers to her.

Q. Pyotr's friend says, I'm glad for Kondrashkin's sake rather than yours. Why?

Pyotr's friend says like that because he was glad for Kondrashkin's sake for Kondrashkin had seven daughters and Milkin's marriage with Nastya would mean that the poor father would get one of his liabilities settled.

Q. I'll drop in tomorrow and sort it out with that blocked off Kondrashkin's...."What was Pyotr's planning to sort out with Kondrashkin?

Pyotr was planning to sort out with Kondrashkin that he was having no plan for marrying his daughter. He wanted him to know that he was not interested in getting married to his daughter though he had been dining at his place and walking with Nastya and that all this would never mean that he would marry his daughter.

Q. In what state was Pyotr when he went to meet Kondrashkin? How do you know?

Pyotr was in a state of anger and displeasure. He had been frustrated by the rumours about his getting married to Kondrashkin's daughter Nastya. We know all this only when he entered Kondrashkin's study in a disturbed and confused state.

Q. What issue was Kondrashkin accusing Pyotr of evading?

Kondrashkin was accusing Pyotr of evading the issue of his marrying his daughter Nastya.

Q. Pyotr cited many reasons for not proposing to Anastasia-list them.

Pyotr cited many reasons in order to avoid getting married to Anastasia. The reasons are listed as under:

That he was a drunkard.

That he took bribes.

That he had embezzled a hundred and forty four thousands

That he was on trait for embezzlement /that he was a runaway convict. And that he was mad and that marriage is forbidden to a mad person.

Q. Do you think the reasons Pyotr put forth were genuine? How do you know?

We think the reasons were somehow genuine for Pyotr was left with no choice but to concoct reasons in order to avoid getting hitched with Nastya for the court councillor seemed to be using his hospitality as a pressure tactics to force the young Milkin to agree to marry Anastasia.

Q. When he failed to convince Kondrashkin, what did Pyotr almost family decided to do?

After having failed in convincing Kondrashkin, Pyotr decided to feign insanity, a Hamlet's device so that it would not be legally allowed for him to marry. He almost decided to visit one of his friends, a doctor, and get from him a certificate proving his being insane.

Q. Why does Fithyev refuse to certify Pyotr as mad, despite being his friend?

Fithyev refuses to certify him as mad for he believed that anyone who did not want to get married could not be insane. He thinks that avoiding marriage is being wise.