

Air Pollution in the Poem “Air Pollution” by Abhisumat Singh

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Abstract

This paper mainly focuses on the importance of the protection of the element air. It also provides how literature creates awareness among people for various causes. There are many writers who have written about nature and all kinds of things to convey some message and information. Here, the poet Abhisumat Singh clearly explains what air pollution is and how it is caused and also how to control air pollution. His words are simple and clear. He conveys his message through his poem effectively. He also says about the responsibility of the people to protect nature.

Keywords: air pollution, nature, responsibility.

Literature serves as a big tool to convey various information, ideas, and facts, etc. Through literature, one can express his/her thoughts, experiences, feelings, suggestions, and information, etc. It includes all the written material. The word ‘literature’ is derived from Latin, and it means ‘writing formed with letters’. Thus, the literature includes poetry, drama, fiction and nonfiction, etc. literature is also used to convey a message from one generation to another generation. It transforms the messages from one period to another period.

The essential four elements, such as earth, fire, air, and water, play a significant role in the life of human beings. One cannot live without these four elements. These four elements are considered to be the foundations of one’s life. The air one breathes, the water one drinks, the land one dwells, and the fire one warms prominent for one’s existence in this world. These four elements are the basis of one’s life. Each takes prominence. The harmonious balance of these elements is necessary for all human beings.

In this world, everyone should know the importance of these four elements and every human being should know to balance these four elements to save nature from destruction. Here, literature plays an important role in creating awareness among people. Many writers have written about the significance of these four elements. They express the importance of these four elements in one’s life. To lead a peaceful, happy life, everyone should have the responsibility to save nature.

Survival is not possible without these four elements. One cannot live without one of the four. This paper mainly focuses on the theme of the importance of the air we breathe. There are many poems which deal with the significance of the clean air and how the air is polluted by various activities. The poem “Air Pollution” is written by Abhisumat Singh. He is a poet. He has written various poems such as “Mother”, “Life...What is it?” and “Democracy... What is it?”, etc. his poems are creating awareness in the minds of the people effectively. The poem “Air Pollution” is about the air and how it is polluted by various activities. The poet notices how air pollution is caused by the errors and mistakes of human beings and also because of some natural disasters.

Then, the poem deals with the effects of air pollution. The poet also gives us that how the pollution of air will be controlled by various steps which are taken by the people. In this poem “Air Pollution” the poet uses his knowledge effectively to express the significance of the element air, and he also tells that how the air plays a crucial role in the life of the human beings.

“What is air pollution?

the book defines as contamination of gases;”
(line 1 and 2)

The poem “Air Pollution” contains seven stanzas. In the first stanza, the poet represents the definition of air pollution. He begins the poem with a question of what is air pollution? The poet says that according to the definition of a book, air pollution means contamination of gases. Then, the poet says there are some more definitions available to define air pollution.

“Mainly because it causes CO₂ to increase,
and makes O₂ blurred” (line 7 and 8)

The air should be pure and clean. If the air is polluted, it leads to various troubles. The poet says that one of the important reasons for air pollution is that increasing level of carbon-di-oxide. When the level of carbon-di-oxide is increased, at the same time, the level of oxygen will be decreased. Since the carbon-di-oxide increases, the level of oxygen turns to be blurred. One cannot inhale pure air.

In the third stanza, the poet asks another question of how air pollution is caused. Air pollution is also caused by various activities such as burning fuels, the most gas exhaustion and by various pollutants such as smokes, greenhouse gases, etc. Here, the poet mentions the errors of human beings, which caused air pollution.

“These were some man-made ones,

but we also have some natural reasons;” (line 13 and 14)

In the fourth stanza, the poet says that the air is polluted by two reasons. One is the errors of human beings, and the other one is natural disasters cause air pollution. Forest fires and volcanic eruptions are examples of natural reasons. They are unavoidable. But one can avoid man-made problems.

In the fifth stanza, the poet explains the bad effects of air pollution. Here, the poet compares the

contaminated air with acid rains and global warming. The polluted air pollutes nature. It pollutes the earth. It harms human beings severely. In the sixth stanza, the poet speaks about how air pollution can be controlled. He says that one can control washing factory smoke by jets of water. By using Compressed Natural Gas one can reduce the use of the smoked fuels. Then, the poet tells that through creating awareness among father, mother, son and daughter; it is an easy way to prevent air pollution.

“Air pollution can be controlled,

by washing factory smoke be jets of water;

by using CNG and less smoked fuels,

and spreading awareness between father, mother,
son and daughter”. (lines 21 to 24)

In the last stanza, the poet says that it is the choice of the people who can choose what kind of life they want? They can have trees and fresh air; otherwise, they can pay the way pollution. Pollution leads to the destruction of nature, the whole world and all human beings. In this poem, the poet presents what is air pollution and how it caused and also the effects of air pollution.

In the current world, people turn to follow various technologies. We are living in a materialistic world. These technologies should be used in the right way for the right cause. Everyone has the responsibility to save nature and preserve it for their future generations. In the current world, people are moving towards their career and fulfilling their wishes. There are people who do not have time to think about the conservation and preservation of nature. It is also the ability of the Government to make people turn and focus on protecting nature. Through their various policies, the Government can elevate the importance of nature, and it can be a way for protecting the elements such as air, water, fire and land and also it will create various kind of awareness among people.

In this poem, “Air Pollution” the poet Abhisumat Singh portrays the effects of air pollution. His words are simple and clear. At the end of the poem, the poet leaves everything in the hands of the people. If people want to save nature, they can save, and it will be useful for their future generations also. If they do not want to have a concern about nature, then the destruction of nature leads to the destruction of the people. If the air is polluted continuously, it will kill

all human beings slowly. A record from New Delhi tells that air pollution exceeds safe air quality levels by 20 times on days. It affects all the people and causes various diseases. According to the study of the Chittaranjan National Cancer Institute, half of the children in Delhi suffered from lung damage in their childhood years itself. So it is the responsibility of each human being to protect nature and live a happy life.

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