

**CLASS X**  
**ENGLISH II**  
**POEM - THE PATRIOT**  
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**Today's lesson- the first three stanzas of the poem.**

Summary –

The poem opens by saying that one year before, the patriot was welcomed with roses on his way when he returned back after his grand victory. Not only the roses, but white fragrant flowers were also spread across his way. The people of his country or city were so much excited over seeing him that they were madly spreading this beautiful and fragrant flowers in his way in order to celebrate his victory. There were so many people that it seemed, that were moving like oscillator because of overweight.

According to the patriot, the air broke with the sound of the bells which were ringing in honour of his victory. The cries of joy were so loud that they shook the walls of the houses. The people were so much happy that if the patriot would have asked them to bring him the sun from the sky they would have replied – ***And afterward, what else?***

The scene now shifts to one year later on the same day. The patriot sighs in grief. According to him, he leaped at the sun to give it to his loving friends to keep. It was quite a difficult task which no one else could have done if he had left it undone. The idea of leaping at the sun has borrowed from a Greek tale. The moral of the Greek tale is that one should never do something beyond limits or else it leads to its downfall. The patriot also repents for doing too much for his country and people.