

1. *I wandered lonely as a cloud
That floats on high o'er vales and hills,
When all at once I saw a crowd,
A host, of golden daffodils;
Beside the lake, beneath the trees,
Fluttering and dancing in the breeze.*

POEM - DAFFODILS

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ANSWER THE FOLLOWING QUESTIONS :-

- (i) Who has been referred 'I' in the following extract? Where is the speaker and what is he doing?
- (ii) What does the speaker compare himself to? Why does the speaker use the word 'crowd' in the following extract?
- (iii) Give Explanation :
"When all at once I saw a crowd,
A host, of golden daffodils"
- (iv) How does the speaker describe himself in the following extract?
- (v) How does the speaker successfully bring about the description of beauty of the daffodils?

*Continuous as the stars that shine
And twinkle on the milky way,
They stretched in never-ending line
Along the margin of a bay:
Ten thousand saw I at a glance,
Tossing their heads in sprightly dance.*

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Daffodils - William Wordsworth

□ ANSWER THE FOLLOWING QUESTIONS :-

(i) How are the daffodils compared to the stars?

(ii) Why does the poet bring the reference of the Milky Way in the following extract?

(iii) Why does the poet say "Ten thousand saw I at a glance"? What is meant by "the margin of a bay"?

(iv) Give explanation:

"They stretched in never-ending line, along the margin of a bay."

(v) How are the daffodils described here?

(vi) Give meaning:

(a) margin (b) Sprightly.

*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;
And then my heart with pleasure fills,
And dances with the daffodils.*

- Q (i) Who is the speaker? Describe the sight that greeted his eyes when he was out-walking in the countryside.
- (ii) Where were the daffodils growing? To what does the poet compare the flowers?
- (iii) What effect does the scene have on the poet?
- (iv) What is the 'wealth' mentioned in the poem? How do the daffodils outdo the waves?
- (v) Compare the poet's mood at the start of the poem with his mood at the end.
- (vi) Give meaning:
(a) bliss (b) solitude.