

Six and Out

Getting Started

- * Outdoor games have always attracted young children and teenagers everywhere in the world. Have you ever been in a situation where you have been forced to play outside the park because it closed down at a particular time? Share your experience.

The pitch was only smooth in parts;

Unhappy It sank at either crease,

And motor vans and bakers' carts

At times disturbed the peace.

offer The bowlers found it hard to hit

The lamp-post's slender stem

The broader wicket opposite,

Was cleared at 6 p.m.

The team It was a keen, determined school, a group of

Unorthodox and free;

Harsh circumstance oft made the rule,

And not the MCC.

The scorer, seated by the well,

Kept up a fire of talk;

He was both umpires, crowd, and all,

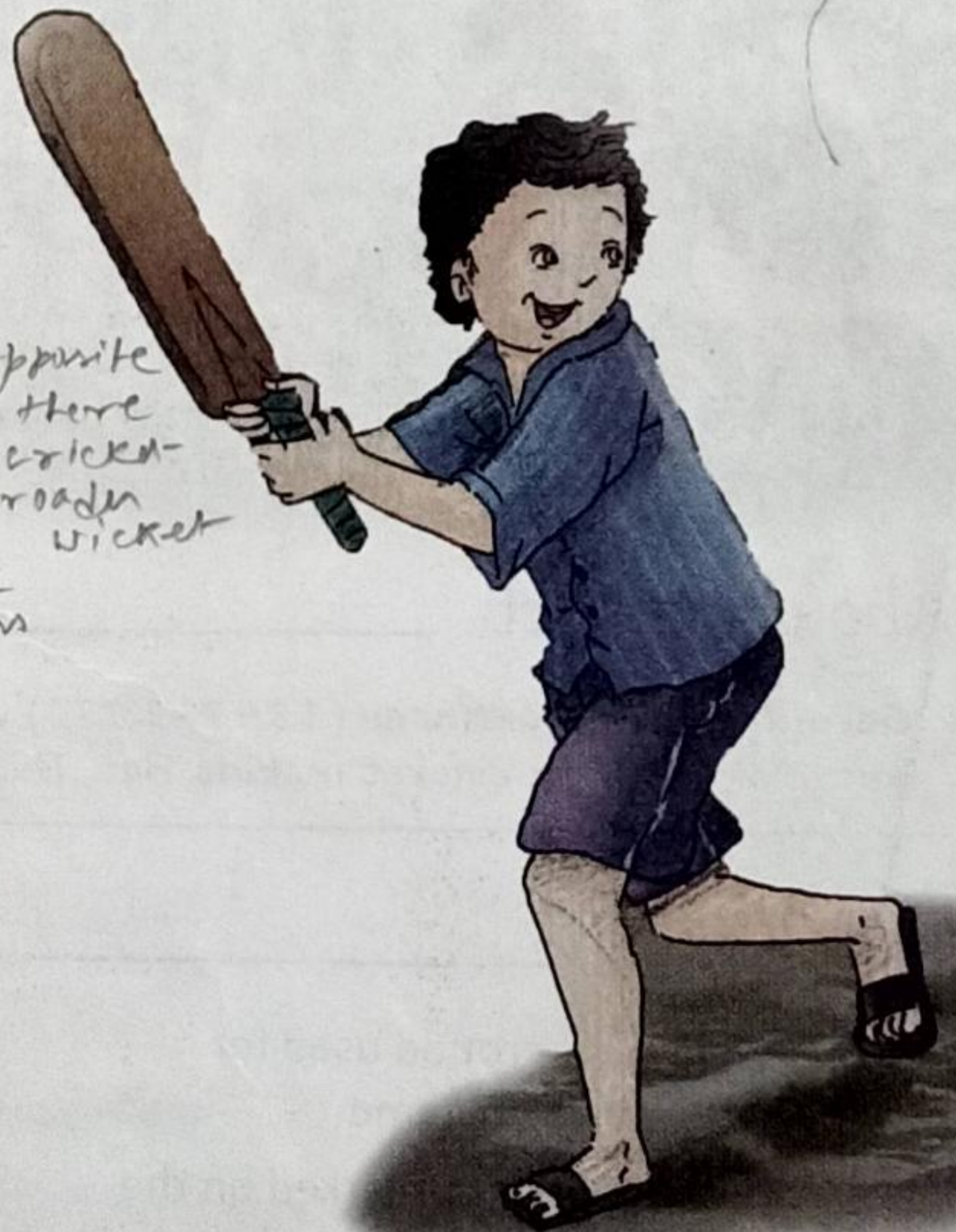
And plied a busy chalk.

So, standing musing on the scene,

I let the moments pass;

How well he drove it to the screen.

And then—the crash of glass.



majestic - having or showing impressive beauty

I watched the players as they ran,
And heard, while yet they fled,
The loud voice of an angry man,
The law's majestic tread.

—Gerald Martineau

Law is majestic and violating the law creates fear in mind.



About the Poet

Gerald Durani Martineau (1897–1976) was a prolific English cricket writer. Martineau's notable works on cricket include *Bat, Ball, Wicket*, and *All and They Made Cricket*.

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CLASS - VI, SUBJECT - ENGLISH-II

CHAPTER - 4. Six and Out.

15.06.20 TOPIC - Title, Summary, ~~Paraphrase~~,
meaning of the poem.

Title of the poem:

The poem 'Six and Out' by G.D. Martineau focuses on children who are forced to play out on the road as the park closes at six o'clock. Hence the title 'Six and Out'.

Summary of the poem:

The children, while playing on the road, are disturbed by the motor vans and baker's cart. The road is narrow, they have to use the base of lamp post as wicket and wall of the well as score board. The wicket keeper scorer is both, the umpire and the crowd. yet they are determined to play out there and not bound by the rules of MCC (Marylebone Cricket Club)

The bowler hits the ball so hard that it goes and strikes a window and broke its glass. The man of the house shouted and the children fled from there.

Meanings:

- (i) Pitch: an area of ground used for outdoor team game.
- (ii) Crease: number of lines marked on the playfield at specific places.
- (iii) Unorthodox: Open-minded.
- (iv) Circumstance: a situation connected to an event or action.
- (v) MCC: Marylebone Cricket Council.
- (vi) Plied: moved
- (vii) musing: thinking.
- (viii) tread: Step or footstep.

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Q1 a. In the story 'When I was Twelve' by Rasipuram Krishnaswami Pyer Laxman here the monster in the extract has been referred to the arithmetic teacher.

b. Instead of following the arithmetic class, the narrator was busy in sketching funny sketches of the teacher. This came under the observation of the arithmetic teacher. He became furious after seeing and so twisted the narrator's ear.

c. It was ~~at~~ almost a hobby for the narrator to liken human figures to inanimate objects or animals. The narrator used to stand and watch the city bus. It always looked like someone he knew. Secondly, people spilling out of the bus began to take the shape of a

giraffe or a monkey or a Cadillac belonging to one of the Maharajas of Mysore which used to stand in the porch next door. To the narrator, it looked like a prince.

1. The name of the story is 'When I Was Twelve' by Rasipuram Krishnaswami Iyer Lakshman.

e. The arithmetic teacher was teaching the usual sum on the blackboard -
Ram has 3 mangoes Krishna has 4.

2 (a) The police arrested the narrator in the charge of breaking the compound wall by his road engine.

(b) After hearing different kinds of rumour about the narrator everywhere, his wife became angry.

(c) Joseph was a dismissed bus-driver and a friend of the narrator. He said that he knew nothing of road rollers he could nevertheless steer one if it was kept in motion. He was the man who was in charge to drive the road engine from the Gymkhana ground.

(d) After the earthquake the engine was found in a disused well nearby, with its backup. It was fitted at like a cock at the mouth of a nearby well.

(e) The name of the story is 'Engine Trouble'
by Rasipuram Krishnaswami Iyer
Narayanaswami.