

CLASS X
ENGLISH II
POEM - THE PATRIOT
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Answer the following questions –

1. “Alack, it was I who leaped at the sun

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This very day, now a year is run.”

- a. What do you know about the tone of the patriot in this stanza?
- b. What does the word ‘harvest’ mean here?
- c. Explain the line – “Naught man could do, have I left undone :”
- d. What does the poet mean by the line – ‘This very day, now a year is run’.

2. “There’s nobody on the house-tops now -

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By the very scaffolds foot, I trow.”

- a. What is ‘Shamble’ and ‘Scaffold’?
- b. Why does Browning say that the palsied watched the execution?
- c. Explain the line – ‘By the very scaffolds foot, I trow’.
- d. “House-tops now” – Which time is referred to now by the poet?