

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

Summary –

The patriot says that unlike the last year and just some people on the windows who seem to be paralysed, i.e. they are without any pity or love for the patriot. They are the only ones who couldn't go to the place where the patriot is going to be hanged publicly. The patriot is also being dragged towards the scaffold for hanging.

It is raining cats and dogs and the patriot's hands have been tied behind with a rope which is so tight that the patriot feels as if his wrists have been cut open by it. The people are throwing stones at him as he is walking towards the scaffold. Having his head down because of humiliation he is just feeling the stones which have made his forehead bleed. He is not angry at all because he considers this pain, blood and humiliation as the punishment for some misdeed which he committed in the past.

In the final stanza, the patriot has reached the scaffold and been executed. Even the people have dropped down dead in triumph. The patriot thinks that God may ask him what else he needs as he has been punished by the world. He is now free from the hypocrisy of the world and thus quite safer in heaven. Hence, the poem ends in peace.