



Lesson 12 – Leisure

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About the poet :

Wilhain Henry Davies was a Welsh (belonging or relating to Wales, U.K.) poet and writer. Born on 3rd July 1871 Newport, U.k. . And died on 26th September 1940, Nailsworth, U.K. . His notable work “The Autobiography of a Super- Tramp ” describes the way of life of the Tramp in the U.K., Canada and U.S. in the final decade of the 19th century.

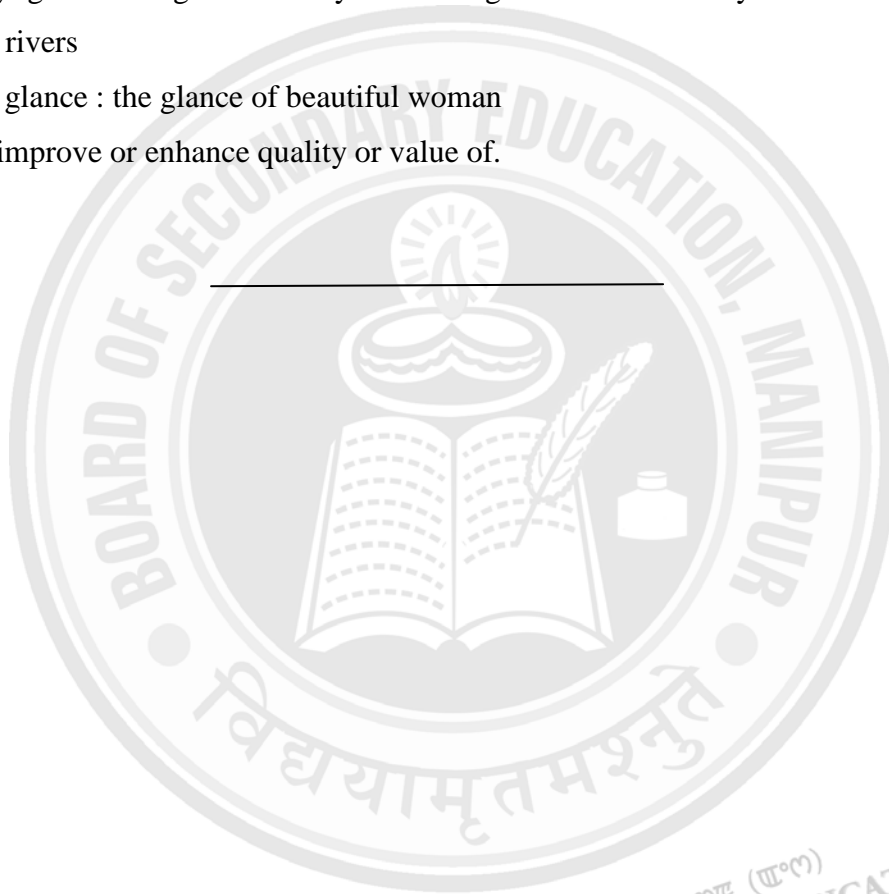
Substance of the poem:

The poem, “Leisure” written by Wilhain Henry Davies conveys a beautiful message on how we are busy in our own life and have no time to admire the nature around us, which gives our life a meaningless look. We cannot spare a few moments to stand and stare under the branches of green trees and enjoyed the beautiful gift of nature. The poet feels evens the cows and the sheep are enjoying their life as they are not in hurry. But when we pass through forests, we do not have time to stop for some moment to look at the trees and enjoy the shade in the natural surrounding which provides soothing effect. And also we cannot notice the squirrels hiding their nuts for winter. During daytime, when the rays of the sun fall upon the streams, the water reflects and shines like stars in the sky during night. The poet compared Nature as a young beautiful lady smiling and dancing. This side of Nature is missed out by people as they are too busy working hard in earning money for living. In spite of all these care we should spare some time and enjoy life and to put an end to the stress associated with life. It relieves boredom and improves one’s physical and emotional health. The poet concludes the poem calling the life of humans is poor as they have no time to observe and enjoy the beauty of nature around them.



Word Meaning:

1. Leisure: time when one is not working or occupied / free time.
2. care: worry and anxiety
3. stare: to look for a long time at something with eyes wide open.
4. beneath: under
5. boughs: branches
6. woods: forest
7. broad daylight: clear light of the day when things can be seen easily.
8. streams : rivers
9. Beauty's glance : the glance of beautiful woman
10. enrich: improve or enhance quality or value of.



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