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CLASS IX
ENGLISH LITERATURE READER (POETRY)
CHAPTER 4
SILVER
(WALTER DE LA MARE)

NOTES

SUBSTANCE

The poem Silver is written by Walter De La Mare. It is a sonnet of fourteen lines. The poem talks about the moon observing everything on earth and how its light casts upon trees and animals. In this poem, the poet describes the visible effects of moonlight on the countryside at night. As the moon walks silently over the human settlements below, everything turns silver. It moves over the trees, making them appear silver. The silver beam of moon is reflected on the sleeping dog's paws in the kennel. The moonlight is reflected on the sleeping doves' chest. The silver beam of moon is reflected on the window and on the harvest mouse's claws and eyes. The motionless fish and gleaming water turns silver by the moonlight.

POETIC DEVICES USED IN THE POEM

Metaphor

- "Silver" for moonlight

Personification

- "the moon walks the night in her silver shoon"
This way, and that, she peers and sees.

Simile

- Like a log

Alliteration

- silver/ shown beams silver/ sleep, silver/ stream.
