



**CLASS IX**  
**ENGLISH LITERATURE READER (POETRY)**  
**CHAPTER 5**  
**I REMEMBER, I REMEMBER**  
**(THOMAS HOOD)**

**NOTES**

**SUMMARY**

The poem was written by Thomas Hood, a great English poet, and humorist. “I Remember, I Remember” is one of the best literary pieces known for its themes of childhood and recollection of joys.

In this poem, the poet recalls his blissful childhood that is still green in his memories. He recalls his bedroom with its little window, where the sun used to appear every morning. He also recalls seeing many flowers in the garden around his house and the laburnum tree. The tree was planted by his brother on his birthday, which is still standing at the same place.

The poet recalls how he used to swing and move through the air without any care in the world. He also has the memory of fir trees with their tall branches and summer pools, which refreshed him. Now, as an adult, he misses that carefree time because the real world has stolen his innocence and joy. He feels that he is away from the blessings and real happiness after growing older





### POETIC DEVICES USED IN THE POEM

- Alliteration** - “I remember, I remember”  
“The roses, red and white”  
My spirit flew in feathers them.”
- Imagery** - “The house where I was born”  
The fir trees dark and high.
- Metaphor** - tis little joy.
- Assonance** - the sound of /i / in “Came peeping in at morn” and the  
sound of /oo/ in “And summer pools could hardly cool.”



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