



CLASS IX

ADDITIONAL ENGLISH

CHAPTER 6 – BANGLE SELLERS

SAROJINI NAIDU

NOTES

SUBSTANCE

The poem, 'Bangle Sellers', written by the prominent Indian poet and politician, Sarojini Naidu (1879-1949), is a lyrical poem. It explores the life of Indian women, the culture and traditions that revolves around women.

The poem is about bangles, which is an important ornament for women in the Indian society. In the poem, the bangle sellers take their shining loads for sale to the temple fair urging people to buy bangles for their daughters and wives. The first stanza of the poem depicts the sellers trying to attract the attention of the people passing by. The consequent stanzas talks about bangles of various colours the sellers have for women of all ages.

The poem is made up of four stanzas, consisting of six lines each. Each stanza is divided into a quatrain and a couplet. The rhyming scheme of the poem is *aabbcc*.

POETIC DEVICES

- **Repetition** as in 'For happy daughters and happy wives'; 'happy' word is repeated.
- **Alliteration** as in 'mountain mist', 'hue of her heart's desire'
- **Simile** as in 'Some are flushed like the buds that dream'
- **Rhetorical device** as in 'Rainbow tinted circles of light'