

Basketful of Moonlight – Questions and Answers

1) Complete the following sentences with the help of the poem.

- a) The child wants to sow small moons of light from the city to his village.
- b) According to the child the route of his village is tough and full of snakes and scorpions.
- c) The child wants a basketful of moonlight on loan.
- d) The child wants to light the dark route so that his father returns early.

2) Write down the describing words used for the following nouns.

Small moons

Tough route

Whole village

Early morning

3) The child in the poem wants to solve the problems of his village. How can the child solve them with the following wishes? Answer in your notebook.

a) Give me moonlight, basketful or two baskets full, with seeds of moonlight.

Ans: The child can solve the problems of the village by taking seeds of moonlight and sowing them on sides of the path that leads from the city to his village. This way the whole path will light up and not be dark anymore. All villagers can return home early and spend more time with their children and families.

b) I want to light the dark route so that my father returns early.

Ans: The child wants to light the dark route so that his father returns early and spends more time with him. By lighting up the path, the villagers can come home quickly and spend more time with their families. Also the poet will be able to hear fairy tales and stories from his father.

4) Pick out and write the lines from the poem that prove the following.

a) Father reaches home late, after dark.

Ans: When my father returns home, I am asleep.

b) Eager to hear fairy tales from his father.

Ans: I too want to hear fairy tales and stories from him.

c) Remove darkness and bring light among the darker paths.

Ans: I want to light the dark route, so that my father returns early.

5) Write as many words as you can, using – ful as suffix.

Basketful, bucketful, hopeful, careful, dutiful, joyful, cheerful, grateful, delightful, wonderful, blissful, beautiful.

6) Pick out the examples of Alliteration and Repetition from the poem.

Alliteration:

1. O moon, give me moonlight.
2. Basketful or two basket full.
3. The route is tough and full of snakes and scorpions.

Repetition:

1. Small, small moons of light.

7) Write an appreciation of the poem.

For the full appreciation of the poem, please click [here](#).

8) Write an imaginary letter to the moon, to convey your feelings about it. Discuss about it with your partner and draft the letter using the poem as a basis for the letter.

Supporting points:

- a) Signs of beauty
- b) Symbol of joy
- c) Infinite pleasure
- d) Urge to compose poems/songs/music.

Letter:

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Dear Moon,

Since the time I first saw you, I just cannot take my eyes off you. I am absolutely amazed by your beauty. Your shape, your perfect glow, your shades of grey amongst bright white has made me speechless. Most of all, I am completely mesmerized by your grace. You are a symbol of joy for me and all of humanity. Night after night you give us endless pleasure by just being present. Just looking up at the sky and getting a glimpse of your beauty is enough to get endless joy.

Please continue to bring light to our lives every night and lighten the dark paths. With your help our parents can come back home early and spend more time with their families. Also many people in my village have a tough time walking back from the city because of the tough and dangerous path back home. If you can lend some of your moonlight to me, I can sow the seeds on the sides of the path to make the road brighter. Your help will be of immense help and completely change the lives of everyone in our village.

Finally I want to thank you for being there every night and bringing happiness to my life. Your presence and beauty makes me want to sing songs and create music that is worthy of you. No poems or songs can truly capture the essence of your beauty. Once again I want to thank you from the bottom of my heart for being there for me and bringing such joy, peace and tranquillity in my life.

Yours sincerely,
Jyoti Sharma

9) Discuss with your friend/brother/sister/your classmate and write your list of wishes to make your village/town/city people happy.

You can use the following words.

- Great
- Wish
- Share
- Talk
- Help
- Cooperate
- Communicate

Answer:

- I wish everyone would stop fighting and respect one another.
- I wish people would stop throwing garbage on the streets.
- I wish people would cooperate with each other.
- I wish there was less pollution.
- I wish people help each other and be there in time of need.

- I wish people learned to communicate properly and talk to each other instead of being rude.

10) Let's compose imaginary poetic lines.

Sowing the seeds of moonlight,

Walking in the dark will not be a fight.

Travelling among the stars in a galaxy,

The beauty of the night will be there for all to see.

Let us light up the paths from the villages to the cities,

So that people can return and spend time with their families.