

**BVP LKR**

**CLASSCLASS-12, SUBJECT-ENGLISH**

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**KEEPING QUIET**

**---- Pablo Neruda**

**Read the following passages carefully and answer the questions that follow----**

**(A)**

**What I want should not be confused  
with total inactivity**

**Life is what it is about;**

**I want no truck with death.**

**(a) What does Neruda imply by 'total inactivity' ?**

**(b) What is life about?**

**(c) What does Neruda mean when he says, 'I want no truck with death' ?**

**(d) What is the underlying thought of the poet here ?**

**(B)**

**If we were not so single - minded  
about keeping our lives moving,  
and for once could do nothing,**

***perhaps a huge silence  
might interrupt this sadness  
of never understanding ourselves  
and of threatening ourselves with death.***

***(a) What is man 'single-minded' about?***

***(b) Explain, 'sadness of never understanding ourselves'.***

***(c) How has mankind threatened itself with death?***

***(d) What does 'keeping our life moving' mean?***