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Teaching Learning Material

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Chapter : 2

Poem --- Wind

(Subramania Bharti)

Stanza I

Wind, come softly.

Don't break the shutters of the windows.

Don't scatter the papers.

Don't throw the books on the shelf.

There, look what you did -- you threw them down.

You tore the pages of the books.

You brought rain again.

You're very clever at poking fun at weaklings.

Frail crumbling houses, crumbling doors, crumbling rafters,

Crumbling wood, crumbling bodies, crumbling lives,

Crumbling hearts -- the wind god winnows and crushed them all.

## STANZA II

He won't do what you tell him.  
So, come, let's build strong houses.  
Let's join the doors firmly.  
Practise to firm the body.  
Make the heart steadfast  
Do this, and the wind will be friends with  
us.  
The wind blows out weak fires.  
He makes strong fires roar and flourish.  
His friendship is good.  
We praise him every day.

## SUMMARY

The poet requests the wind to blow softly and not to break the shutters of windows, throw the books from the shelf and scatter them. But the wind does not listen to him. It throws the books, tears their pages and brings rain again. The wind god makes fun of all the weak things weakThe houses., bodies. hearts etc. He crushes them.

Since the wind won't listen to our request, the poet suggests to make our houses strong, bodies and hearts firm. If we become strong, the wind will become our friend. The wind crushes the weak but strengthens the strong. So if we want to be friends with the wind, let's be strong

ourselves .

Now answer the following questions.

**Q. 1** What are the things the wind does in the first stanza?

**Q 2** What does the poet say the wind god winnows ?

**Q 3** What do the last four lines of the poem mean to you?