

**English – class vii**

**Based on Course Book**

**Chapter- 2**

**Topic – Bob Dylan: The Voice of a Generation**

**7. What happened after Dylan’s Nobel Prize win was announced?**

**Ans-** After Dylan’s Nobel Prize win was announced, he didn’t respond to the Academy for two weeks. He didn’t travel to Stockholm for the Prize Ceremony.

**Think and answer the questions.**

**1. Why do you think Dylan compared himself to Shakespeare?**

**Ans-** I think, like Shakespeare, though he was often occupied with the pursuit of his creative endeavours but dealt with all aspects of life’s mundane matters. On the other hand, like Shakespeare, the farthest thing from his mind was the question ‘Were his songs Literature?’ Therefore, Dylan compared himself to Shakespeare.

**2. Dylan said, ‘Fifty thousand people have a singular persona, not so with Fifty. Each person has an individual, separate identity, a world unto themselves. They can perceive things more clearly.’ What do you understand by this statement? Do you agree with the speaker? Why/Why not?**

**Ans-** Bob Dylan was awarded the Nobel Prize for Literature and the Nobel Committee had chosen him after long and careful consideration and discussion. His abating question, ‘if his songs were literature’ got the clear answer from the small committee where each person probably has an individual, separate identity, a world unto themselves. They can perceive things more clearly. So Dylan said this statement.

**Yes, I do agree with the speaker because the committee who chooses one for the Nobel Prize are consists of a bunch of intellectual personalities.**

**3. Barack Obama said, ‘Dylan is a sceptical about the whole enterprise’. Give two instances from the text to justify the statement.**

**Ans-** The instances to justify the statement are:-

- a. *Dylan didn't come to the rehearsal and he didn't want to take a picture with Obama.*
- b. *He played the song, finished it and stepped off the stage. Then came to Obama, shook his hand with just a little grin and left.*

*He was not interested impressing anybody. Dylan in another word never followed convention.*

**HW- Do 'Life Skills and Values ' at page no. 33.**

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