

## The Blind Boy

Colley Cibber

- **Summary:**

To be able to see the goodness around, to be able to greet friends and family on seeing them, to be able to see the world around -the blue sky, the green trees, the colourful birds, the blooming of flowers, the blossoming of fruits have always been a blessing to each one of us. The poet, Colley Cibber has tried to portray the positive or the optimistic views of a blind boy who has never seen the sun but has felt its warmth. Day or night makes no difference to him, he calls it daytime whenever he is awake and is playing and calls it night when he is fast asleep with his eyes closed. Sometimes, he often hears people pitying him for his sightlessness and to them he would like to assure that he has the patience to bear with a loss, he does not know. He considers himself no less than a king when it comes to the cheerfulness of his mind. He says he has the song of happiness in his heart even though he is deprived of sight.

- **Word-chart:**

<b>Word</b>	<b>Synonym</b>	<b>Antonym</b>
a)Wondrous	Inspiring a feeling of wonder or delight	-----
b)Mourn	To express grief	-----
c)Hapless	Unfortunate	Fortunate
d)Woe	Sorrow	Joy
e)Sight	Vision	Sightlessness
f)Sigh	Take a long breath	-----

### 1.Important questions with their answers:

a)What will happen if the blind boy keeps awake?

Ans: If the blind boy keeps awake, it will seem to him to be day all the time.

b)Why does the blind boy think that he is a king?

Ans: The blind boy thinks himself to be a king because he does not allow his cheer of mind to be destroyed and he wants to live in the midst of songs and laughter.

c)Why does the boy bear the loss with patience?

Ans: The blind boy bears the loss of sightlessness with patience as he is not familiar to the circumstance of having vision. His loss remains a mystery to him.

d)Quote two lines from the poem that suggest that the boy has a positive attitude towards life?

Ans: The lines that suggest that the blind boy has a positive attitude towards life are :-

*"But sure with patience I can bear  
A loss I ne'er know."*

e)What is the message of the poem "The Blind Boy"?

Ans:The poem, " The Blind Boy" gives us the message that we should remain positive or optimistic while facing any challenge in life, even when we are deprived of any one of the five senses. We should never give up and keep the song of life and happiness alive in us.

### 2.Complete the following sentences with information from the text:

a)The boy often hears mournings about\_\_\_\_\_.

b)The boy does not want his\_\_\_\_\_ to be destroyed.

**3.Questions that need to be practised in your literature copy:**

- a)In the poem, "The Blind Boy " who is referred to as "I" here?
- b)What can not be enjoyed by the blind boy?
- c)How does the blind boy feel the Sun?
- d)When is it daytime for the blind boy?
- e)What does the blind boy often hear?

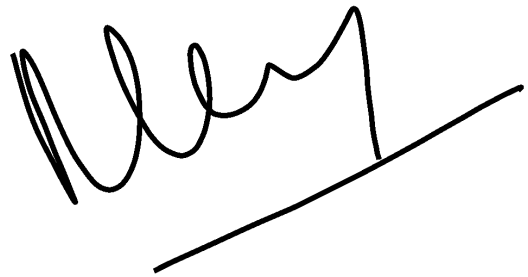
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