

8th Standard-English

Honeydew Poem-The Ant and the Cricket Summary

Desperate Cricket

There was a cricket. He used to sing all through the pleasant months of summer and spring. When winter arrived, he found that there was no food at home. Then he said “What will become of me ?” He became desperate by starvation. He went to an ant. He requested him to lend him a shelter from rain and some food. He promised to return it. He added that if the ant did not do what he wanted, he would die.

Miserly Ant

The ant replied that the ants did not ever borrow or lend. He, however, asked the cricket if he did not lay by anything in good weather. He asked him what he did during the warm weather. The cricket replied he was very glad in that pleasant weather. In his happiness, he kept on singing all the time. At this the ant advised him to pass away the winter by dancing. Saying so, the ant turned the cricket out of his house.

The Story—a Lesson

The poet ends his story with a moral. He says that this is not a fable but truth. He goes on to add that some human beings are also like the cricket of the story.