

ICE CREAM MAN

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1. Explanation of the poem – Ice cream man.

Ans) This poem is written by Rachel Field. In this poem the poetess describes children's love for ice creams in summer season. In summer season everyone becomes exhausted and tired due to the hot weather. Sometimes, the scorching heat of the sun becomes unbearable to us. In such an atmosphere, everyone craves for something cold, sweet and creamy to get a cooling sensation. So Ice cream is the thing which we all want in summer season. Though the ice cream man is a stranger, still the ice cream man becomes our favourite person in summer season.

The first four lines of this poem refer to the role and hard work of the ice cream man. In the Summer season, when everyone prefers to stay inside their homes, at that time ,the ice cream man moves with his ice cream cart to sell ice cream.

The second stanza of this poem refers to the ice cream man's appearance and his manner of working. In summer season, not only children but also adults wait for the arrival of the ice cream Man. As soon as, they (children and adults) hear the voice of ice cream man, they just rush to the ice cream man to buy ice cream. In the hot weather of summer season, it's a joyful sight when everyone watches that the ice cream man is filling the cones with various flavours of ice creams.

The third stanza describes the things which the ice cream sells in the summer season. The ice cream man sells different flavours of ice-creams like Vanilla, Chocolate and Strawberry. He also sells cold drinks of different flavours.

The fourth stanza shows a comparison between the ice cream cart and the flower bed of roses and sweet peas. In the summer season, everyone becomes thirsty and tired within a short period of time. Children and adults need something chilly to energize themselves, so they can continue their work properly. Seeing the ice cream cart, they become relaxed. She describes that the honeybees gather around flowers to suck honey similarly the children cluster around the ice cream cart to get delicious ice creams.

2. Word Meanings:

- a) **Blaze-** Bright flame or fire.
- b) **Trundling-** Moving on small broad wheels.
- c) **Mounds-** Heap/ Pile.
- d) **Frosty-fizz-** Chilled drink making a hissing, bubbling sound.
- e) **Beneath-** In a lower position/ under.
- f) **Honeybees-** An insect.
- g) **Cluster-** Gather Around.
- h) **Sweet pea-** A climbing plant of the pea family, widely cultivated for its colourful fragrant flowers.
- i) **Sight-** Scene.
- J) **Joyful-** Full of joy.

3. Answer the following questions:

- a) In which season is ice cream popular?
- b) Who feels joyful on seeing the ice cream man?
- c) Name the different flavours of ice-cream the ice cream has in his cart.
- d) What are the two things that the ice cream is selling?

4.) Find out five common nouns from the poem "Ice cream Man", by Rachel Field.

Note: Students, you can download the poem from internet or the poem is shown in the video, you may write the poem in your copy. Please read carefully and answer the questions. In the next video I shall discuss the answers with you.