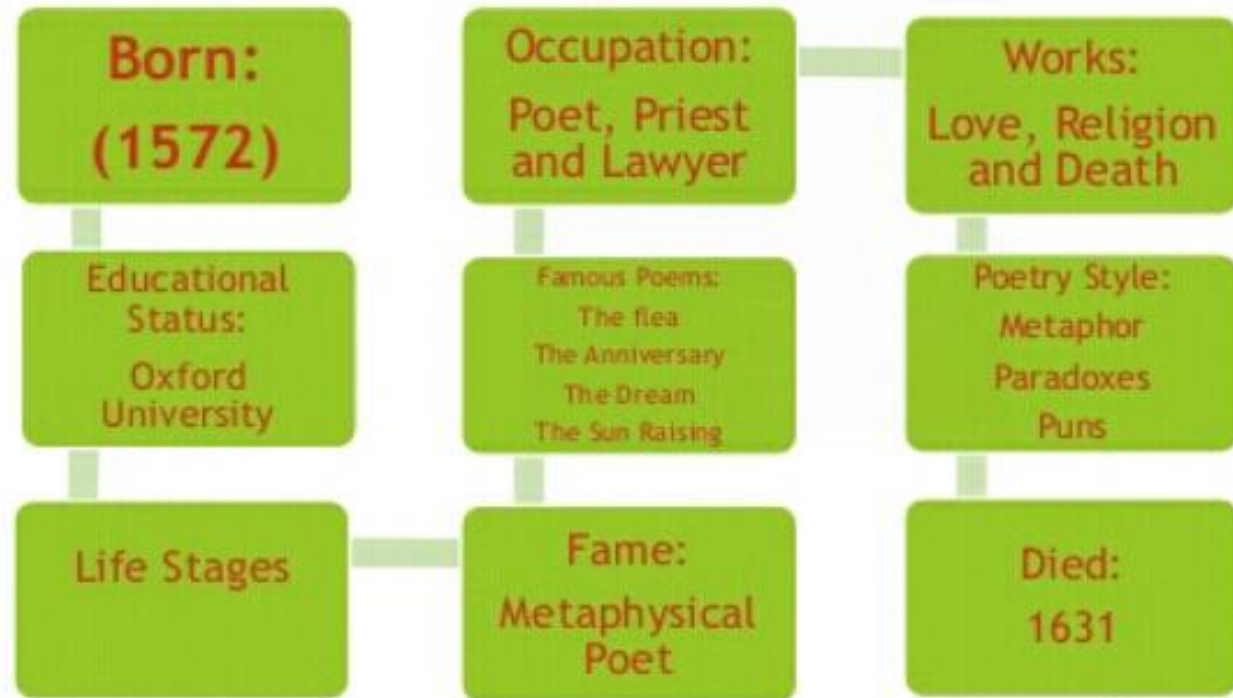


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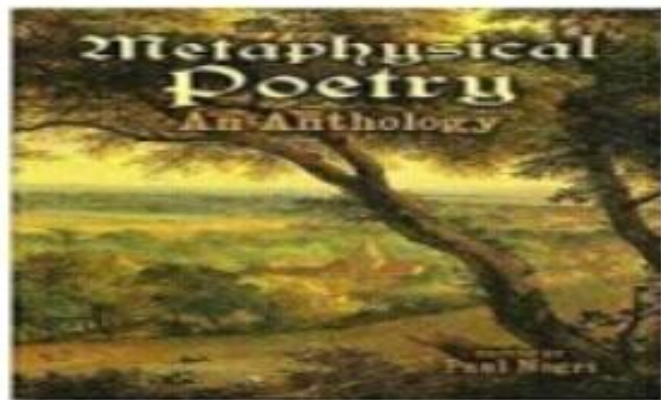


Go And Catch a Falling Star

Introduction Of Poet



METAPHYSICAL POET:



Theme:

In this poem he is trying to put forward his opinion about the woman that every impossible things can be made possible but we cannot find a faithful woman.

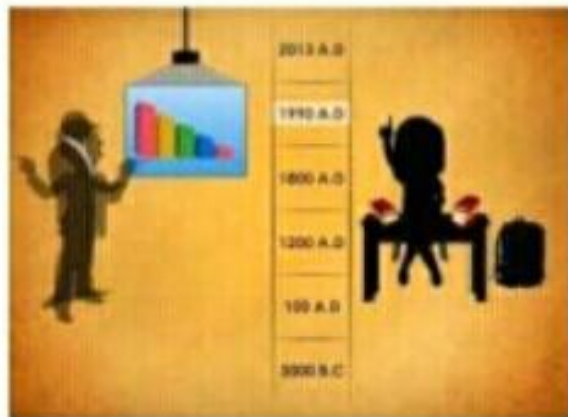
*Go and catch a falling star,
Get with child a mandrake root,*

- ❖ Poet gives tasks.
- ❖ Impossible task is mention.
- ❖ Catching star.
- ❖ To get a child from plant root.



Tell me where all past years are,
Or who cleft the devil's foot,

- ❖ Poet is asking questions.
- ❖ Where the past years has gone?
- ❖ Who spilt the devils foot?



Teach me to hear mermaids singing,

Or to keep off envy's stinging,

- ❖ Poet is mentioning impossible task.
- ❖ Mermaid is an imaginative creature.
- ❖ No one can stay away bad vibes.



And find

What wind

Serves to advance an honest mind.

- ❖ Here poet is asking about the wind which serves the honest mind.



Stanza 2

If thou be'st born to strange sights,
Things invisible to see,
Ride ten thousand days and nights,
Till age snow white hairs on thee,
Thou, when thou return'st, wilt tell me,
All strange wonders that befell thee,
And swear,
No where
Lives a woman true, and fair.

*If thou be'st born to strange sights,
Things invisible to see,*

- ❖ Talking about the people having rare sights.
- ❖ Things every normal person can't see.



Ride ten thousand days and nights,

Till age snow white hairs on thee,

- ❖ People having strange sights have to explore the world.
- ❖ Till Old Age.



*Thou, when thou return'st, wilt tell me,
All strange wonders that befell thee,*

- ❖ When the person return there must have strange things happened in front of him.



If thou find'st one, let me know,
Such a pilgrimage were sweet;

❖ Poet gives challenge to reader.

(Find a true woman)

❖ Pilgrimage: **A journey to holy place.**



*Yet do not, I would not go,
Though at next door we might meet;*

- ❖ Now the poet is again stressing on the disloyalty of woman.
- ❖ He Refusing to meet even a true woman.



Though she were true, when you met her,

And last, till you write your letter,

- Women cannot be remain loyal for a long time but,
- If you find a true woman, she would be loyal when you meet her and write a letter.



Yet she

Will be

False, ere I come, to two, or three.

- ❖ Poet thinks that woman cant remain loyal for long time.
- ❖ She must have betrayed two or three lovers ,by the time I reach her or met her.



Conclusion:

The poet says that every impossible thing can be made possible but one can never ever find a true and loyal woman.



*Teach me to hear the mermaids
singing,*

or to keep off envy's stinging.

