

OLIVER ASKS FOR MORE

Explanation:

The story '**Oliver Asks For More**', is an excerpt from the book *Oliver Twist*. The story centres around the portrayal of criminals and their sordid lives, as well as for exposing the cruel treatment of the many orphans in London in the mid- 19th century.

It talks about 'something' that Oliver has asked for 'more' and that makes all the differences.

Oliver, a young boy is born into a life of poverty and misfortunes. After his father's mysterious absence and his mother Agnes' death in childbirth. Oliver is meagerly provided for under the terms of the poor law and spends the first nine years of his life living at a baby farm. He is provided with less food and comfort.

When he turns nine years old, Mr.Bumble, the Parish beadle puts Oliver to work picking and weaving oakum.

The lesson starts with Mr.Bumble walking on the long strides and little Oliver firmly grasping his gold-laced cuff, trotted beside him.

In the parish workhouse boys are "issued three meals of thin gruel a day, with an onion twice a week and half a role on Sundays."

The room in which the boys feed themselves is a large stone hall, with a copper at one end, out of the hall the master dresses in an apron and serves the gruel in the bowls. The boys do not get more than a bowl. The

hungry boys washes the bowl by licking the bowl severely. The bowls do not need any washing.

Young boys with just one bowl feels unsatisfied and their hunger eats up.

The boys suffers the tortures of slow starvation.

One day a boy who is tall for his age and wild with hunger hints darkly to his companions, and declares that if he do not get one more bowl of gruel he is going to eat then he will someday eat up one of his companions steeping next to him. Based on his declaration they decides to form a committee and decides to send one amongst them, who will go and ask more. Likewise, Oliver Twist gets nominated.

In the evening, the boys took their place. The master starts to serve. Within no time, the gruel vanishes. Oliver gets the hint to proceed in his mission. Oliver gets up and desperate with hunger and reckless with misery rises from his table and advances to the master and says, 'Please, Sir. I want some more.' The master becomes horrified and runs into the room where the board members were sitting.

He pantingly says, 'Mr. Limbkins, I beg your pardon, sir! Oliver Twist has asked for more!'

The board members gets the shock of their life and Mr.Limbkin repeats. "For more! Do I understand that Oliver has asked for more, after he had eaten the supper allotted by the dictary.

Then Mr.Bumble replies- 'Yes, he did'.

Ti this Mr.Limbkins says, "That boy will be hung."

The next day a bill was pasted stating that five pounds and Oliver Twist is offered to any man or woman who wants an apprentice to any trade, business on calling.