

## UNIT-7C

**Introduction:**

The story “***I Can Take Care Of Myself***”, is about women education and empowerment. The author is unknown. “I Can Take care Of Myself” is a ***\*beast fable\**** where the main characters are the mother rat and the daughter rat. The author here, through the mother rat portrays the mind set of the society where a girl is thought to be married to someone who can take care of the girl rather than educating her and making her self-sufficient. But at the end of the story we see, the daughter rat tells her mother that she doesn’t want to get married in order to protect herself but she wants to be someone who can take care of oneself and of those she loves.

**Foot note:** ***\*beast fable\**** is a short narrative, in prose or verse, in which animals talk and act like human types they represent. It exemplifies an abstract moral thesis or principal of human behaviour, usually at its conclusion, either the narrator or one of the characters states the moral.