

UNIT-8B

Summary:

The poem “**Be Thankful**” is a poem of gratitude. It’s a poem about being thankful of what we receive or possess and also what we do not have. The poem teaches us about no matter what life brings us, we should be happy and blissful.

“Be Thankful” is nothing but virtues for life. We all face some or the other odds in life and become sad. But the poem teaches us how to be happy amidst all these odds and be grateful for what we have.

The poem starts with a statement and a question too. The poet here tells us to be happy with whatever we have else what would we have desired for. The poet continues stating we should be thankful for not knowing something as we would get the opportunity to learn something new. We should be thankful to the difficult times for teaching us lessons. Rather than criticizing the situation we should be grateful and thankful for making us stronger. We should be thankful to all the limitations and give us opportunities for improvement.

The poet further adds that it’s easy to be thankful for what we have but being thankful for what we do not have and appreciate about the lessons we get or opportunities that approaches us is gratitude. Gratitude can turn any negative things into positive. Our life can be rich of fulfilment if we thank the setbacks too.

The poet at the end urges us to be thankful for the troubles we face as they become blessings when we take them as challenge and be strong.

The poem gives us a moral that if we are positive and thankful any negative thing can be turned to positivity.

