

The Duck and the Kangaroo.

Q. Write a short summary of the poem, "The Duck and the Kangaroo"

Ans:- The poem, The Duck and the Kangaroo, has been composed by Edward Lear. In this poem the poet has shown the true friendship between duck and kangaroo.

The duck was very surprised to see how kangaroo could hop. He told the kangaroo that you are great because God has blessed you. The duck begins to appreciate the kangaroo that he can hop across long distances overland and water. Now he tells ~~for~~ him about his own life. He says that he lives in this ugly pond so he is bored. He tells him about his wish that he too can hop like him. Therefore he requested the kangaroo to give him a ride on his back because his wish is to see the colourful world. When the kangaroo listened the desire of the duck



he was forced to think over the desire of the duck. After a while the kangaroo told him that his idea is very good but he has only one objection. He says that his feet are wet and cold. As he thinks it may give him rheumatism when the duck listens the objection of the kangaroo then he tells kangaroo that he has already thought of it. He has bought four pairs of woollen socks and a cloak. He says that he does not like to harm his body so he has decided to smoke a cigar daily to keep him warm. When he listened the plan of the duck then the kangaroo accepted to do this work. He told the duck to sit at the end of his long tail. The kangaroo and the duck travelled ~~three times~~ round the world three times.

The poet wants to tell us that friendship is a sheltering tree or we may say that it is the medicine of life. We must sacrifice to for friendship.