

## P. 5. A Legend of the Northland.

Q. Write a short summary of the poem  
A Legend of the Northland.

Ans:- The poem, A Legend of the Northland, has been composed by Phoebe Cary. In this poem the poet has delineated a complete picture of a selfish and greedy old lady who does not learn the ~~the~~ lesson of sacrifice in her life.

In Northland an old lady lived. Without any hesitation and as the poet says that she was greedy, miser and selfish. One day St. Peter, while preaching round the world arrived her door. That time the lady was preparing some cakes. St. Peter was very hungry. Therefore, he asked the lady to give him one cake. The lady assured him and she began to prepare cake but it seemed to her too long to be given. An idea came in her mind that she should prepare another cake for him. Again when she saw the size of the cake

then she found that the cake was bigger than the other cake. Lastly, she made a paper thin cake, still could not part with it. This was why St. Peter became furious. With great furious St. Peter told the lady that she was not fit to live in a human form and enjoy food and warmth. St. Peter cursed her that she would be a woodpecker in her next life. As we know that woodpecker used to bore in hard dry wood to get its scanty food.

Through this poem the poet wants to preach us that we should not be greedy and selfish. We must maintain humanity. We must ~~be~~ sacrifice for others because life is transitory.

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