

## P.4. The Lake Isle of Innisfree

Q. Write a short summary of the poem 'The Lake Isle of Innisfree.'

Ans:- Nobel Laureate W.B. Yeats was an Irish poet and dramatist. Innisfree is a small but actual place in Ireland where the poet spent some time way back when he was a child.

"The Lake Isle of Innisfree" expresses the idea that nature provides an inherently restorative place to which human beings go to escape the chaos and corrupting influence of civilization. Yeats expresses this sentiment when he writes of a small "cabin" of clay and wattles" and living alone "in the bee-loud glade" of Innisfree. The poet speaks of its 'honey bees', 'linnets, lake water and many other innuendos depicting natural scenery. The entire poem describes a life that he "will" live not one he is currently living.

Actually human mind and heart are too preoccupied by the material or worldly seductions of urban living. That's why Yeats experienced the urge to return to a simpler,

more familiar life as a kind of homesickness  
which expressed itself as a desire to return  
to his native place - 'Innitfree'.