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LEARNING OUTCOMES

- ▶ Learning that the real worth is not in having a long life but in creating beauty and happiness around us.
- ▶ Reading and reciting the poem with the correct rhythm and emphasis.
- ▶ Understanding the meaning of the poem.
- ▶ Answering questions on the poem.
- ▶ Learning words, meanings, spellings, pronunciation, rhymes.

Read and Understand

- ✧ This poem is by Ben Jonson, who wrote in the 16th century in England. He says that the real worth of a life is seen from the amount of beauty, light and happiness that a person creates around him, even if his life is short. He compares the beauty of a lily with the size and long life of a tree and says that the lily is perfect despite being small and having a short life unlike the tree.
- ✧ Read aloud and enjoy the rhythm, rhyme and meaning of the poem.
- ✧ Explain the poem clearly to the students so that they understand how the poet brings out the idea of worthiness.
- ✧ Explain to them the old words like 'doth', 'sere' and 'fairer' as used in this poem and terms like 'Flower of Light', 'in small proportions' and 'in short measures'.
- ✧ Discuss the exercises and ask the students to answer them orally, before writing the answers down.
- ✧ Ask them to learn the poem and recite it correctly in turns in the class. Correct them where necessary.