

BAL BHARATI PUBLIC SCHOOL, PITAMPURA (2020-21)

CLASS XII- ENGLISH (CORE)

TEXTBOOK: FLAMINGO

KEEPING QUIET

-PABLO NERUDA

In this poem, Neruda talks about the necessity of quiet introspection and creating a feeling of mutual understanding among human beings.

STEP 1: Read the poem and underline the figures of speech used.

STEP 2: Watch a **short video** through the link https://youtu.be/WdibiYm_msk, for a quick recapitulation of the poem.

STEP 3: Follow the link: <https://youtu.be/Relp49x6ySg> to get a **deeper understanding** of the poem through its detailed explanation and analysis.

STEP 4: Attempt the following short questions in 30-40 words.

1. What will counting up to twelve and keeping still help us achieve?
2. Do you think the poet advocates total inactivity and death?
3. What is the 'sadness' that the poet refers to in the poem?
4. What symbol from Nature does the poet invoke to say that there can be life under apparent stillness?