
CLASS -XI ENGLISH NCERT SOLUTIONS-HORNBILL
Father to Son (poem)

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Answer 1:

The poem does talk of an exclusively personal experience. However, we can also call it fairly universal because a conflict like this is quite common in many households. It is also known as generation gap.

Answer 2:

The helplessness of the father is highlighted through the depiction of the emotional struggle that he undergoes. He is aware of the problem and is willing to resolve it, but is unable to do so. He regrets the lack of a strong emotional bond and proper communication with his son who is also physically distanced from him.

Answer 3:

Phrases/lines that indicate distance between the father and the son are:

1. 'I do not understand this child'
2. 'I know / Nothing of him'
3. 'We speak like strangers'
4. 'there's no sign/ Of understanding in the air'
5. 'Silence surrounds us.'

Answer 4:

No, the poem does not follow a consistent rhyme scheme.
