

**The laburnum Top**

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**Find Out**

**Question:** What laburnum is called in your language.

**Solution:**

In hindi, it is called 'Amaltaas'.

**Question:** Which local bird is like the goldfinch.

**Solution:**

'Indian Lutino Ringneck' is local bird like the goldfinch.

**Think It Out**

**Question:** What do you notice about the beginning and the ending of the poem?

**Solution:**

In the beginning of the poem the tree is calm & silent & in the ending it ends with motionless & empty level.

**Question:** To what is the bird's movement compared? What is the basis for the comparison?

**Solution:**

The goldfinch's movement is compared to that of a lizard. The basis of the comparison is the sleek, abrupt and alert movements of a lizard. The same kinds of movements are observed when the goldfinch arrives on the laburnum tree.

**Question:** Why is the image of the engine evoked by the poet?

**Solution:**

The engine is the source of energy to run machine. It is compared to bird as she is too a source of energy for her family. As without engine a machine can't work in the same without a bird her family can't survive.

**Question:** What do you like most about the poem?

**Solution:**

I like the simplicity and pictorial presentation of the poem. The comparison between bird's movement with machine and Lizard made in nice way. Also chirruping & trilling of goldfinch.

**Question:** What does the phrase "her barred face identity mask" mean?

**Solution:**

The phrase means that the bird's barred or covered face becomes her identity mask recognition.