To the Nile - John Keats

- John Keats was an English poet and one of the most important of the Romantics.
- This is a sonnet (14 line poetry) - first few lines gives an argument while the last lines give the conclusion
- The first 2 lines give a mythical view, through the techniques of personification (son) and metaphor (old moon mountains) and Chief.... explains that the river Nile is the chief of both animate and inanimate things
- 3rd and 4th lines - in our imagination : only a desert is seen but the river Nile has made it fruitful
- 5th line - the river has looked after the Black Egyptians
- 6th and 7th lines - asks the river whether it has deceived the people in order to get honour as people walk for miles in order to pay their respect
- 8th line - places where the Nile "rests"
- 9th and 10th lines - it is by mistake that the people doubt the river Nile for it had made the "barren waste" (Africa) fruitful
- 11th and 12th lines - comparison between the Nile and the other rivers
- 13th and 14th lines - adds that the river Nile flows happily as it has done its duties
- At the beginning , the river Nile was unique but towards the end, it has been compared to the other rivers

A Bird Came Down the Walk - Emily Dickinson

- The literal meaning of the poem :-

A bird was walking on the pathway and it saw an angle-worm and ate it raw. It drank water from a nearby grass and when he saw a beetle, he didn't eat it. Moreover the bird was alert but the narrator was insensible as he offered a crumb which the bird refused, and ultimately the bird opened its wings and flew into the sky, which is compared to oars butterflies....

- The metaphorical meaning of the poem :-

The bird symbolises nature as it is a part and parcel of nature. This poem emphasizes on the following facts -

➔ Nature is self sufficient and thus we should leave it alone
➔ We should not meddle with nature
➔ Nature is beautiful and its beauty should be admired from a distance
➔ The moment man involves (and alters) with Nature, Nature will disappear from us
➔ Nature is her own master

The Eagle - Alfred Lord Tennyson

- A short poem which can be considered as a nature poem and it can be a poem that denotes the nature of the powerful people

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