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POEM - THE TIGER AND THE DEER

"The tiger and The Deer" has been written by Sri Aurobindo in which he gives his own philosophy of life. Sri Aurobindo was not just a poet; he is also a visionary and prophet. Through the lines of poem he presents before his own vision of the future of mankind. The philosophy of life is presented through the rare creature of nature, the ruthless and powerful creature of nature and another is harmless and innocent deer. The poet describes vividly how the tiger makes the deer its victim. He painfully makes us aware of the law of jungle which consists of killing of the week by the strong. He, however, pacifies himself with his vision of future when he says that the time is not far off when the tiger would not destroy the deer. Through the symbol of the tiger and the deer, he gives his own message to his countrymen since they were also suffering from the invasion and oppression of the alien power. He is of the view that the cruel and powerful forces of the world would not exploit the weaker notions for a long time the people of this world will live in peace and harmony. Sri Aurobindo encourages his countrymen to follow the path of tolerance and forgiveness because these are the permanent and divine virtues of life.

In this poem Aurobindo appears to be highly optimistic who looks forward to a prosperous and bright future for the Asians. He clarifies his story that those who are cruel and powerful get destroyed by their own lust for power and cruelty. They may come out victorious for sometimes, but finally it is love, affection and peace that would achieve victory this poem have also political significance because we are informed of the exploitation of the people by the force of imperialism and colonialism. This poem has been written in free verse and they have their own beauty because of their internal rhythm. This poem is remarkable for their intensity of thought and for their greatness of wisdom.

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