

Questions and Answers:

1. Who is 'I' in the poem? Who is the speaker in the first stanza?

Answer: The goblet is the 'I' in the poem.

The narrator is the speaker in the first stanza.

2. What does the phrase 'fragrant friendship' convey about the goblet's relationship with the flower?

Answer: The goblet misses its past life when it was in its natural state and it has a deep relationship with plants. By the phrase 'fragrant friendship' it means the lively friendship between the flower and the goblet. The flower immerses into natural state of the goblet by spreading its root deeply.

3. The goblet has certain feelings towards its present life and past life. Which life does it like? Why?

Answer: The goblet likes its past life because it could live its natural life without being moulded to some other's wish. The goblet misses its friendship with the flowers. Its friendship with the flowers were very deep which was possible only in its past life.

4. What common things do you notice between the expression 'living breath' of me and 'natural state'?

Answer: The goblet by 'living breath' it means when it was alive in its natural state. Its natural state was before the fatal hour when it got into the potter's hand. The most common thing in between the expression 'living breath' of me and 'natural state' is when it did not reach the potter's hand and was enjoying its natural unsophisticated life.