

The Cop And The Anthem

Questions And Answers:

Q1: What are some of the signs of approaching winter referred to in the text?

Answer: There are certain signs to show the approaching winter such as birds flying south, dead leaves falling, people buying new warm clothes, etc.

Q2: What was Soapy's first plan? Why did it not work?

Answer: Soapy's first plan was to go and have a good dinner at some fine restaurant. And then, he would say that he had no money to pay and then a cop would be called. It would all be done very quickly. The cop would arrest him and then he would be taken to a judge and the judge would order him to be taken to prison.

But Soapy's plan did not work because when he stepped in at the door of the restaurant, the head waiter saw his broken old shoes and the torn clothes that covered his legs. Strong and ready hands turned Soapy around and moved quietly and quickly outside again.

Q3: "But the cop's mind would not consider Soapy". What did the cop not consider and why?

Answer: The cop's mind would not consider Soapy's words and action because Soapy after breaking the glass windows did not run away. Rather he asked the cop if he didn't think that he might have done that. And the cop's mind didn't consider that as Soapy's behaviour wasn't natural and not possible for a guilty person to do.

Q4: 'We have orders to let them shout.' What is the policeman referring to?

Answer: The policeman in the above line referred that Soapy was one of those college boys who won't hurt anything and the policeman had orders from above to let these boys shout.

Q5: 'There was a sudden and wonderful change in his soul.' What brought about the change in Soapy?

Answer: Soapy came near a house which was his old childhood home. He could see through the window his old living room where he had spent many happy peaceful moments. Sweet music from inside the house came to Soapy's ears and seemed to hold him there.

The moon was above peaceful and bright. He could hear birds high above.

