

About the Poem :-["The Rime of the Ancient Mariner"]

The Rime of the Ancient Mariner is a long tale in verse. It consists of 625 poetic lines. The poem is the story of sin, punishment and redemption.

In the poem, the term 'Rime' means a tale in verse. The poem depicts the tale of an old mariner. The narrator is mainly the old mariner himself. The plot of this tale is complex. S.T. Coleridge

'The Rime of the Ancient Mariner' is one of the most romantic poems in English literature. This poem is Coleridge's great contribution to the Lyrical Ballads. It is his perfect and complete achievement.

The poem starts with the mariner's sea journey where he kills the loving albatross whom he loved earlier and gave her food and played with her. After the death of albatross first the weather become very fine and clear. So all the sailors justify the mariner's act of killing that albatross but all of a sudden the whole nature becomes unfavourable to them. The wind stops and they all entered in a silent sea and nature became hostile towards them. They suffer from heat and thirst and all the sailors were dead except mariner. The mariner see all the horror and dread of supernatural amidst the nature. All of a sudden he saw in moonlight the beauty of water snakes and it touched his heart and he could pray. At that moment the albatross fell off from his neck and fell life in to the sea.



Further mariner hears the two voices in dream who said that mariner has more penance to do now though he has done penance. After it the rain of divine grace falls and cheers his spirit. He sees that the dead bodies of sailors have started working. It gives peace to him and he feels remorse for their death. The remorse is again a penance which finally enables him to become reconciled with God.

At last holy hermit removes his curse by making cross and prayer and his ship comes back at his port. The mariner says that his heart feel light after telling the story of his sin. So he gives a message with his story that real prayer is that which consists of love towards his fellow creatures and animals equally as God does to us.

