

## **CLASS 12**

### **SUBJECT - ENGLISH LITERATURE**

### **TOPIC – WE ARE THE MUSIC MAKERS**

### **ANSWER KEY**

The poem celebrates artists and their timeless creation – the poet speaks through the collective voice ‘we’- in spite of being called ‘losers and forsakers’, they are the ‘movers and the shakers’ of the world – artists are an integral part of the society.

In search for beauty and harmony, the artist is in lonely places – rarely seen in the company of fellow human beings-he wanders alone by the sea-breakers - sits by the desolate streams - the aloofness is necessary for the creation of art – artists are capable of moving and shaking the world, building a new one.

Wonderful immortal songs created by the artists are capable of building or destroying great empires and cities – artists guide the society to a better future – they move, shake and stir the world by bringing about radical changes.

The poet lauds the power of an artistic imagination by providing biblical allusions- refers to the Biblical cities of Babel and Nineveh – artists are attributed with a divine power to create as well as destroy – old cities were destroyed, new ones came up – new artists came, and built new cities, new world – each age that goes away was the dream of the artists – each age to come is a dream that will take birth.

The music makers play a significant role in shaping the past, present and the future of the world - the impact of the work of an artist is everlasting – it does not fade with the passage of time – art is immortal.