

The Flower by Tennyson

The Flower
Once in a golden hour
I cast to earth a seed.
Up there came a flower,
The people said, a weed.
To and fro they went
Thro' my garden-bower,
And muttering discontent
Cursed me and my flower.
Then it grew so tall
It wore a crown of light,
But thieves from o'er the wall
Stole the seed by night.
Sow'd it far and wide
By every town and tower,
Till all the people cried
'Splendid is the flower.
'Read my little fable:
He that runs may read.
Most can raise the flowers now,
For all have got the seed.
And some are pretty enough,
And some are poor indeed;
And now again the people
Call it but a weed.

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Tennyson belongs
to Victorian age
when the technology
booms

→ An optimist thought for
the pessimist approach

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The poet beautifully
explain the negative &
envy thought of human

He Sapples a seed ← natural
which is new (unknown to
anyone) where a cute flower blossoms people
called it weed. → like in Blake's POISON TREE
then neighbours envied when they crossed the
garden → the muttering curse watered
the plant to grow → some were jumped
into the garden there the seed and
grew all over the places → now it becomes
famous → They call it as flower

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Comparing Seed → inventions, growth
of technology during Victorian Era
mutter, curse → Other Nation's envy
towards growth

Far & wide → familiarity will be accepted
When technology reaches everyone
Town & Tower → different countries
Many innovators were considered as
fools until their innovations taken
into usage. (Wright Brothers, Edison,
Tesla, etc...)
The world denies the knowledge of
an individual until its universalized.
The poet use The flower as simile to
→ expose envy ⇒ human mind ⇒
generally human needs company to produce
but flower always stand alone ⇒ easily
attracts anyone → an individual
innovation envies everyone when it's
new but the mean time becomes common
when it's in the hands of everyone
The poet interested in revealing the
reality of human being over another
human being through a FLOWER (it's a only
soft & beautiful one which induce envy in human