

AMANDA

THINKING ABOUT THE POEM.

1. Amanda seems to be a teenager. This is because she has pimples on her face as teenagers usually have them on their faces. She is a school going girl as she is asked by her mother to finish her homework. She is very imaginative and loves to live in her imaginary world of dreams as teenagers usually do so.
2. One of the parents, most probably her mother is speaking to her. Only a mother gives such instructions to her daughter.
3. Stanza as 2, 4 and 6 are given in the parenthesis as a contrast. They represent the imaginary and the dreamy world of Amanda. She imagines herself as a mermaid in stanza 2, an orphan in stanza 4 and finally as Rapunzel in the 6th stanza.
4. Amanda is the speaker in stanzas 2, 4 and 6. She does give no reply to the questions asked by her mother. She is only speaking to herself losing herself in the world of imagination and dreams. The speaker doesn't listen to the speaker in stanzas 1, 3, 5 and 7. The line, 'Will you please look at me when I am speaking to you, Amanda" proves it.
5. Amanda imagines herself being a mermaid. Being a mermaid, she would be the only inhabitant of an island in the emerald sea. She would like to roam around freely and blissfully like a mermaid tree.
6. Amanda is not an orphan as her mother is there for her. She imagines herself as an orphan. She hates being confined in the fur walls of her house and constantly nagged by her mother. Being an orphan, she can roam around the streets freely.
7. Rapunzel was a beautiful fairy. She was constantly nagged by her mother. She would escape herself into a tower. She had beautiful golden hair. Amanda wanted to be Rapunzel as she wanted to live in a lonely tower away from the constant nagging of her mother.
8. Amanda values freedom as the greatest virtue in this world. She hates to receive instructions from her mother. She wants to lead her own kind of life. She hates to be asked what to do and what not.
9. Yes, Amanda seems to be sulking and moody. She seems to be sulking because she is not happy with the way her mother nags her constantly. She is moody because she is always lost in her own world of dreams and fancies.