

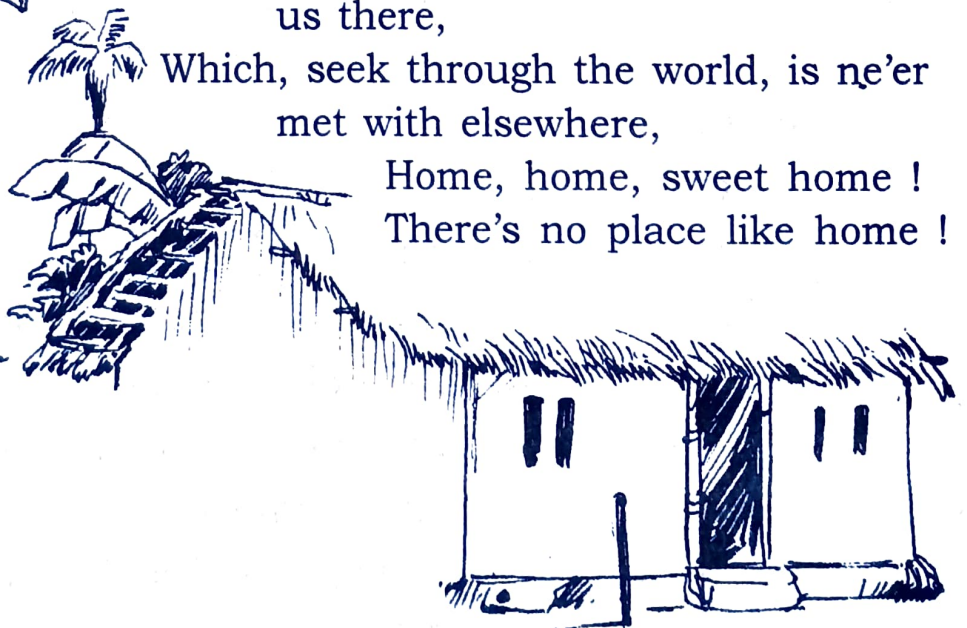
Lesson 10

Home, Sweet Home

[**John Howard Payne** was born in New York, USA in 1791. He was a famous American playwright as well as an actor. Payne wrote his first play 'Julia' or 'The Wanderer' when he was only 15. He made his first stage appearance in John Home's 'Douglas' at the age of 18. He wrote more than 60 plays. 'Brutus' or 'The Fall of Tarquin' was one of his finest plays. The song 'Home, Sweet Home' is quoted from his play 'Clari' or 'The Maid of Milan'. He died in the year 1852 at Tunis.]



'Mid pleasures and palaces though we
may roam,
Be it ever so humble, there's no place
like home !
A charm from the skies seems to hallow
us there,
Which, seek through the world, is ne'er
met with elsewhere,
Home, home, sweet home !
There's no place like home !



An exile from home splendour dazzles
in vain ;

Ah, give me my lowly thatched cottage
again !

The birds singing sweetly that come at
my call ;

Give me them, and that peace of mind,
dearer than all.

Home, home, sweet home !

There's no place like home !

The poem : The sweetest shade that we ever get in this world is nothing but our own home. We need not go to the palaces searching for pleasure, because this pleasure is found in our home. Our thatched cottage is far better and comfortable than the beautiful and tall palaces.

Wordnote

'Mid (Amid)	:	in the middle of
roam	:	to move about or travel, especially without any real purpose
humble	:	of low rank
hallow	:	make holy
ne'er	:	never
exile	:	the state of someone being sent away from his / her own country, village etc.
dazzles	:	amazes with an impressive quality
lowly	:	low in status
thatched	:	having a roof covered with straw, reeds etc.

EXERCISE

1. To which play does the song 'Home, Sweet Home' belong? 1
2. According to the poet which is the best place in the world? 1
3. Why does the poet call the home the best place in the world? 2
4. What happens when the poet is away from home? 2
5. Explain with reference to the context. 4

"A charm from the skies seems to hallow
us there,
Which, seek through the world, is ne'er
met with elsewhere."

6. Give rhyming words for the following. $\frac{1}{2} \times 4 = 2$
roam ; vain ; call ; there

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