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A ROADSIDE STAND

Exercise Before You Read

1. Have you ever stopped at a roadside stand?

What have you observed there?



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Exercise Think About It

1. The city folk who drove through the countryside hardly paid any heed to the roadside stand or to the people who ran it. If at all they did, it was to complain. Which lines bring this out? What was their complaint about?



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2. What was the plea of the folk who had put up the roadside stand?



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3. The government and other social service agencies appear to help the poor rural people, but actually do them no good. Pick out the words and phrases that the poet uses to show their double standards.



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4. What is the 'childish longing' that the poet refers to? Why is it 'vain'?



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5. Which lines tell us about the insufferable pain that the poet feels at the thought of the plight of the rural poor?



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