

**ENGLISH**

## THE LAKE ISLE OF INNISFREE

~Summary~

-by WB Yeats

### Stanza- 1

I will arise and go now,  
and go to Innisfree,  
And a small cabin build there,  
of clay and wattles made:  
Nine bean-rows will I have there,  
a hive for the honeybee,

**Explanation:** The poem starts with the poet saying that he will wake up and go to the island of Innisfree. He compares his life in the city to sleep. When he wakes up and becomes conscious, he will be transported away from the sedentary non-active city life to a life of activity in a rural area. In particular, the poet mentions two activities that he would like to engage in-physical labour i.e. building a cabin and planting nine rows of beans and beekeeping. He wishes to live alone where buzzing sound of the bees will fill the entire environment.

### Stanza- 2

And I shall have some peace there, for peace comes dropping slow  
Dropping from the veils of the morning to where the cricket sings;  
There midnight's all a glimmer, and noon a purple glow,  
And evenings full of the linnet's wings.

**Explanation:** In this stanza, the poet says that his life on the island of Innisfree will be peaceful. He especially connects peacefulness with the early morning. Peace will come to

him readily as morning comes, and he wakes up to the sound of crickets chirping. He compares the morning to a woman who is veiled. This means that, when the Sun rises, morning drops her veil of darkness and brings peace upon the rural setting of Innisfree. The poet also likes midnight, with the stars shining brightly in the sky. He also likes noon, as well as evening, which is full of the sound of the linnet birds' melodious song.

### Stanza- 3

I will arise and go now, for always night and day  
I hear the lake water lapping with low sounds by the shore;  
While I stand on the roadway, or on the pavements grey,  
I hear it in the deep heart's core.

**Explanation:** In this stanza, the poet makes a resolution that he will go to Innisfree just now because Innisfree is never out of his mind. Throughout the day and the night, he can only hear one sound in his mind that of the water reaching the shore of the island of Innisfree at a calm pace and creating a soft lapping sound. He hears this sound deep within his own heart as he goes about his life in the urban setting of roadways and pavements. This urban setting contains none of the colours that make Innisfree beautiful; instead it appears grey and boring.

### Conclusion of the Lake Isle of Innisfree

In this poem, the poet wants to go to Innisfree where he can live freely in his cabin. However, the present situation of the poet is just the opposite of what he wants. Overall, in the poem, the poet wants peace which according to him, can only find it near the lake of Innisfree.