

Standard 9. English Literature . (CW 2)

THE COLD WITHIN (P2)

Six humans trapped by happenstance
In bleak and bitter cold
Each one possessed a stick of wood
Or so the story's told.

Their dying fire in need of logs
But the first one held hers back
For, of the faces round the fire,
She noticed one was black.

- (1) Give the meaning and significance of
Six humans trapped by happenstance
In bleak and bitter cold.
- (2) How is the racial prejudice hinted in
the extract?
- (3) How is the 'dying fire' associated with
the theme of the poem?
- (4) Point out the figures of speech used in
the first stanza of the poem.

