

5th std 17/8/2020

Sub:English

Topic:THE PATRIOT

## THE PATRIOT

**Pre-reading activity:**

- How do you show your love for your country?
- Name some of the great patriots and talk about them.

*(The poem describes the plight of a person who does not possess any love or patriotic feelings towards his motherland).*



Breathes there the man with soul so dead,  
Who never to himself hath said,  
"This is my own, my native land!"  
Whose heart hath ne'er within him burn'd  
As home his footsteps he hath turn'd  
From wandering on a foreign strand!  
If such there breathe, go, mark him well;  
For him no minstrel raptures swell;  
High though his titles, proud his name,

Boundless his wealth as wish can claim;  
Despite those titles, power, and pelf,  
The wretch, concentrated all in self,  
Living, shall forfeit fair renown,  
And, doubly dying, shall go down,  
To the vile dust, from whence he sprung,  
Unwept, unhonour'd, and unsung.

- Sir Walter Scott

**Glossary :**

breathes	: lives
hath	: has (old usage)
burn'd	: feel excited
strand	: shore
minstrel	: poet
no raptures swell	: no poet would sing about him
pelf	: money, wealth
wretch	: unfortunate or annoying person
forfeit	: lose
renown	: fame
vile	: worthless
whence	: where (old usage)