

ENGLISH



THE LAST BARGAIN

~Summary~

-by Rabindranath Tagore

The poem "**The Last Bargain**" by **Rabindranath Tagore** starts with a speaker calling out for someone to **hire** him. He is first approached by the **king** himself, with a **sword**. He comes in a **chariot** and offers to hire the speaker with his **power**. The speaker rejects his offer as he does not want to be a slave. Then comes along an **old man**, when it is **mid-day**. He offers a bag of **gold coins** to hire the speaker. The speaker does not want to become a **slave to money** or any **materialistic possessions**. Towards the end of the day, he is approached by a **fair maiden** who tries to win him over with her **smile**. But the speaker understands that these are **temporary things** and moves on. He finally meets a **child** near the wayward sea, playing with **shells**. He offers to hire him with **nothing**, which makes the speaker a **free man** as he is not bound by any worldly or temporary things.

~Conclusion~

For real and everlasting happiness, we do not need power, money, or beauty. Freedom and innocence can make a person's life happy and contented.