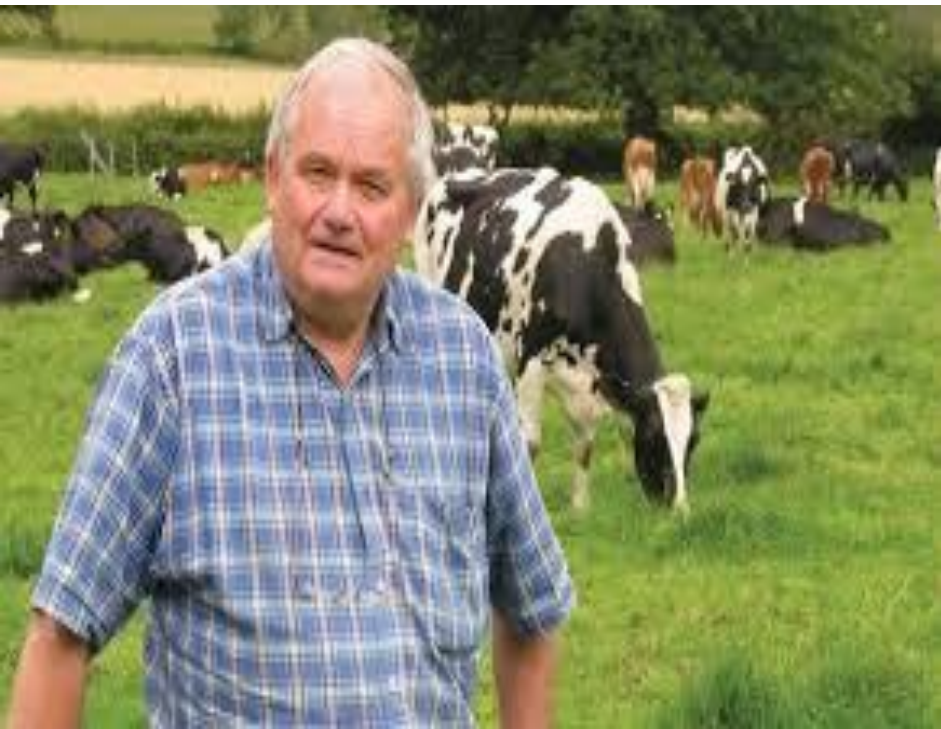


8.1 My Farmer Father



Introduction

The poet **Jasmine N. Swantz** is an American. She writes a tribute to her father who is a farmer. It is more than a profession for him, it is a way of life.



Concept web

Feeding
the
animals

Picking
crops

Planting
seeds

Milking

Grooming

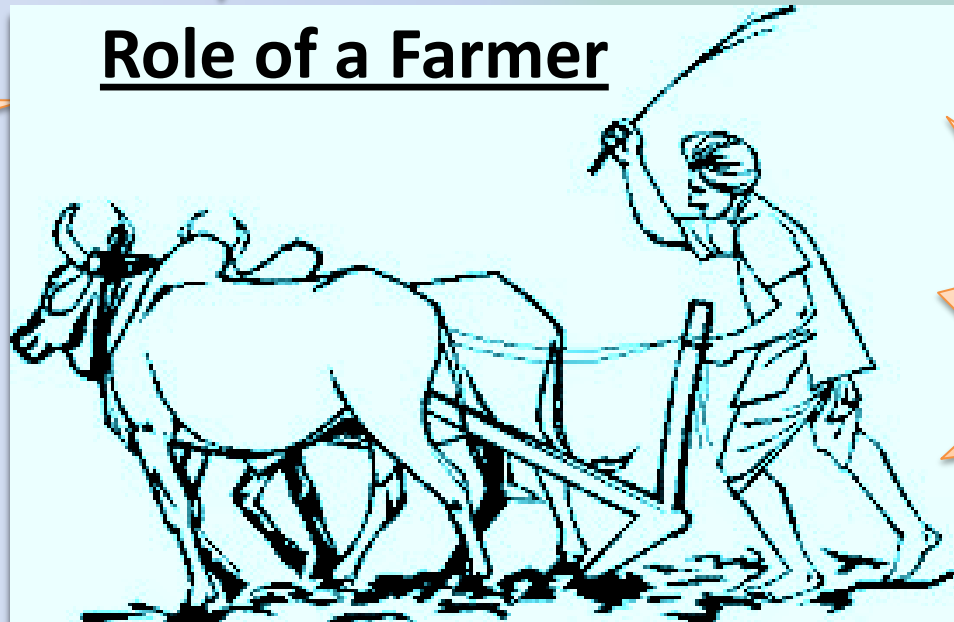
Farm
ploughing

Plant/Crop

Watering

Weeding

Cleaning



Hands
down
values to his
daughter

My Farmer Father

My father is a farmer,
His heart is in the **soil**
It's there he finds his solace,
Among the **grimy toil**.
He plants the seed in springtime,
The corn, the beans, the **hay**,
He prays that God would bless it,
A harvest, Lord, I **pray**.
He tills and cultivates it,
Provides the most tender **care**,
Believes that come October,
He'll reap a **harvest fair**.
Blue skies are his cathedral,
A tractor, his altar of **prayer**,
God meets him in the cornfields,
They have communion **there**.
My father is a farmer-
That's all he'll ever **be**.
The values that the land taught him,
He handed down to **me**.
I love my farmer father-
I'm thankful that he's mine...
I pray that God would bless him,
Today and for all time.



Meaning of Words

Meaning

grimy: covered with mud

grimy: (*adjective*) dirty, polluted

In the poem, the poetess says that the farmer father finds emotional comfort in the grimy toil that is in the muddy land of the farm.

Ex: Now, the city becomes grimy industrial city.

Meaning

alter: holy table in a church or a temple

In the poem, **the poetess says that tractor is like an altar for her farmer father.**



Let's Practice

Let us see the role of a doctor.



Role of a father

Read the following passage carefully and fill in blanks .



My father is everything for me. He **provides** necessary things like food , clothes, books, money etc . He is the **bread winner** for my family. He is my **mate** , a **leader** who **leads** my family very well. He is a **nurturer** and a good **listener**. He listens to my problems , my funny jokes and lots of other things. He is always there to **solve my problems**. He **communicates** his thoughts opinions and ideas with me. He **educates** me about the things required for being a good human being. I love my father very much.

Fill in the blanks

P.....m
solver

N.....

Pro.....tor

Li.....r

Bread
winner

.....nicator

Le.....r

M.....

What is the role of my
father in my life?

Educator



Ans.

Answer Key

**Problem
solver**

Nurturer

Protector

Listener

Leader

**Bread
winner**

Mate

Communicator

Educator

**What is the role of my father
in my life?**



Tribute to mother



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Mothers](#)

Describing words

Describing words

Drag the correct word that is described by the words at the left and drop down at the appropriate place.

Describing
words

Nouns

1. tender

.....

2. grimy

.....

3. fair

.....

4. blue

.....

(care, harvest, skies , toil)

Check answers

Describing words

Answer

tender

care

grimy

toil

fair

harvest

blue

skies



Congratulations !

Rhyming Words

Rhyming Words

Click

the correct rhyming pair for the word-

care



fire sure pray more fair

Check answers

Answer

fair



Congratulations!



Rhyming Words

Click

the correct rhyming pair for the word-

soil



Tool

fuel

coal

toil

skill

Check answers

Answer

toil



Congratulations!



Rhyming Words

Click

the correct rhyming pair for the word-

prayer



bare

far

for

core

there

Check answers

Answer

there



Congratulations!



Rhyming Words

Click

the correct rhyming pair for the word-

hay



Key

bee

see

pray

boy

Check answers

Answer

pray



Congratulations!



Exercise

Personal Opinion Questions



**Think about your
favourite teacher.
Why is he/she
favourite to you?**

Points :

- Name of your favourite teacher.
- Why do you like him/her?
- Positive points about your teacher.