

True Growth
(by Ben Jonson)

→ Central idea of the poem

This poem has a deep meaning. It conveys the idea that a short life full of beauty and good deeds is far better than a long and useless life. To explain this idea the poet compares lily flower and oak tree. The poet says lily's life is short, but full of beauty, whereas an oak lives for three hundred years only to fall down as a log.

→ New Words

1. bulk - big, large
2. bald - hairless, (leafless in poem)
3. at last - in the end
4. Seve - dry, decay

→ Textual solutions

I Explain the meaning of the last two lines of the poem

Q. LINES :- 'In small proportions - - - - - perfect be'

Ans: These lines imply that beauty and perfection may exist in small little things.