

## **William Shakespeare- HSC English 1st paper**

*Blow, blow, thou winter wind,  
Thou art not so unkind  
As man's ingratitude ;  
Thy tooth is not so keen,  
Because thou art not seen,  
Although thy breath be rude.  
Heigh-ho! sing heigh-ho! unto the green holly:  
Most friendship is feigning, most loving mere folly:  
Then heigh-ho, the holly!  
This life is most jolly.  
Freeze, freeze, thou bitter sky,  
That dost not bite so nigh  
As benefits forgot:  
Though thou the waters warp,  
Thy sting is not so sharp  
As friend remembered not.  
High-ho! sing heigh-ho! unto the green holly...*

### **Vocabulary checkpoint**

*Unkind -Cruel*

*Tooth- biting cold of winter*

*Rude- rough, coarse*

*High-ho- An expression of joy*

*The green holly- An evergreen bush or tree which is a symbol of the everlasting friendliness of nature.*

*Feigning- Pretending, deceiving*

*Bite so nigh- Bite sharply or deeply (to the bone)*

*Nigh- near*

*Waters warp- Referring to the wind curling and ruffling the sea. Water turns to ice.*

*As benefits forgot- as the attitude of those who, after receiving favours, prove thankless.*

*As friend remember'd not- as is a man's ungrateful behaviour in forgetting a friend.*