

CBSE Class 09 English Language and Literature

Revision Notes

Beehive Chapter-2

The Sound of Music

- This lesson is about Evelyn Glennie, the world's most sought-after multi-percussionist.
- Evelyn Glennie was eight when her hearing disability was noticed for the first time by her mother.
- When she was 11, it was discovered that her hearing was severely impaired as a result of gradual nerve damage.
- She wanted to live a normal life and pursue her interest in music but most of her teachers discouraged her.
- Percussionist Ron Forbes spotted her potential and trained Evelyn to sense the music through different parts of her body.
- She had learnt to open her body and mind to sounds and vibrations.
- By the time she was sixteen, she had sheer determination to make music her life and worked hard.
- She auditioned for the famous Royal Academy of Music and scored the highest marks in the history of the academy.
- In 1991, she bagged the Royal Philharmonic Society's prestigious Soloist of the Year Award.
- She was a workaholic. Apart from her regular concerts, she gave free concerts in prisons and hospitals, took classes for young musicians.
- Evelyn soon became a shining inspiration for the handicapped.