

**CBSE Class 10 English Language and Literature**  
**NCERT Solutions**  
**First Flight Poem 11**  
**For Anne Gregory**

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**1. What does the young man mean by “great honey- colored/Ramparts at your ear?” Why does he say that young men are “thrown into despair” by them?**

**Ans:** The “great honey- colored/Ramparts at your ear” refers to the beautiful yellow colored hair that falls at the woman’s ear and cover it like a wall around a fort. He says that the young men are “thrown into despair” by them because they look so beautiful on the woman that her beauty gets thoroughly enhanced. The young men fall in love with her and feel despair. He says that it is not possible that someone would love her alone and not her yellow hair.

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**2. What color is the young woman’s hair? What does she say she can change it to? Why would she want to do so?**

**Ans:** The young woman’s hair is of yellow color. She says that she could get her hair dyed to brown, black or carrot color. She would change the color of her hair so that the young men in despair would love her only and not her yellow hair. She wanted them to love her for what she was and not for her appearance such as her hair color.