Poem analysis- "Lime Tree Bower My Prison" By Coleridge

In the poem "Lime Tree Bower My Prison" By Coleridge explains how he suffered an injury that prevented him from walking with his friends who had come to visit. He then compares the nice garden of lime-trees where he is sitting to a prison. He is disappointed about all the beautiful things he could have seen on the walk. He imagines these sights in detail by putting himself in the shoes of his friends. They walk through a dark forest and past a dramatic waterfall. They emerge from the forest to see the open sky and the ocean in the distance.

Coleridge in the poem suddenly feels as happy as if he were seeing the things he just described. He describes how the lime-tree bower isn't so bad, he thinks. It has its own beautiful sights, and people who have an appreciation for nature can find natural wonders everywhere. Sometimes it is better to be deprived of a good so that the imagination can make up for the lost happiness.