

Chapter- 6

NO MEN ARE FOREIGN

STUDY NOTES:

- It is a beautiful poem written by James Kirkup to spread the messages of peace and harmony by telling us that all men are same and there is no difference between them. Therefore, we should not hate and fight one another.
- The poem tells us that all the divisions which are based on nation, caste, creed, colour or religion have no base because all the human beings are equal before God and humanity. Since, we are all same, we must shun violence of all kinds and unite to make our lives better.
- The poem is about brotherhood and harmonious existence without discrimination geographically, socially or economically.
- The poet says that every human being is the same whatever clothes one may wear. We walk on the same land, we also get buried here.
- Our bio- rhythm is the same, we wake up and work in the same way. The poet emphasizes that the one most important thing that sustains life is love which is recognized and understood by every living being.
- The poet is cautioning us against fighting with each other or getting influenced by others to fight, for if we do so, we are betraying and condemning ourselves in the process.
- He concludes by telling us that our actions defile the earth and outrage the innocence of the air that is our own, for no men are strange or foreign and the whole world is one.

