

NO MEN ARE FOREIGN

Thinking About the Poem

1. a) "Beneath all uniforms..." What uniforms do you think the poet is speaking about?

Ans. The poet is speaking about "uniforms" of different colours, tastes, creeds, religions and nationalities of the people.

b) How does the poet suggest that all people on earth are the same?

Ans. The poet says that though people of different nationalities look different from outside, but we all are human beings. We have the same body, needs of which are also the same.

2. In Stanza 1, find five ways in which we all are alike. Pick out the words.

Ans. In following ways, we all are alike in stanza 1

i) No men are strange.

ii) No countries are foreign.

iii) A single body breathes beneath all uniforms

iv) The land is same everywhere.

v) The land is the same ~~over~~ where we all shall die.

3. How many common features can you find in stanza 2? Pick out the words!

- Ans. Following common features can be found in stanza 2
- i, They, too, are aware of sun, air and water.
 - ii, They, too, are fed by peaceful harvests.
 - iii, Their hands are like ours.
 - iv, In their lives we read.
 - v, A labour not different from our own.

4th Whenever we are told to hate our brothers
... " When do you think this happens? Why?
Who tells us? Should we do as we are told
at such times? What does the poet
say?

Ans. The perpetrators of wars, who have selfish motives to conquer and subjugate others, incite "brothers" to hate each other. They are the ones, who tell us to prepare for wars.

No, we should not do things their way. Other countrymen are like us only. So, the poet is true in his saying that no man is strange and no country is foreign.