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NO MEN ARE FOREIGN

Thinking about the poem

Q1. (i) "Beneath all uniforms..."

What uniforms do you think the poet is speaking about?

Ans:- The poet probably speaks about the various dresses that people of various countries and the uniform that the soldiers of different countries wear but beneath them, the human body is same.

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

Ans:- The poet suggests that all people on earth are the same. The same human body breathes ~~two~~ beneath all uniforms and they all shall lie in the same land ^{when} they die. They breathe, eat, walk in the same way. They all are aware of the

sun, the air and the water. They all love peace and hate war. They have similar eyes that wake or sleep. The line 'No men are foreign and no countries strange' expresses this fact.

Q2. In stanza 1, find five ways in which ^{we} all are alike. Pick out the words.

Ans: According to stanza 1, five ways in which we all are alike are:-

1. No men are strange
2. A single body breathes beneath all uniforms.
3. The land our brothers walk upon is the same
4. It is earth like this
5. The land where we all shall lie, is also the same.

Q3. How many common features can you find in stanza 2?

Pick out the words

- Ans:- (a) They ^{too} are aware of sun, air and water.
- (b) They too are fed by peaceful harvests.
- (c) They also starved, ^{because of} ~~by~~ wars & long winter.
- (d) Their hands are like ours.
- ~~(e)~~ A labourer not different from our own.

84. "... 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:- We are told to hate other humans during wars and fights.

These are told by selfish people who want wars and revenge instead of peace. They do it for their own benefit.

No, we should not do as
~~such~~ told at such times.
We should try to maintain
harmony and make the world
more peaceful.

The poet says that we ~~is~~
should always remember that
the people we are told to
fight against are also human
beings like us. We are all
the same. There is no foreign
land and there are no
foreign men.