

Short broad nose,
full thick lips
and black kinky hair;
man that's me.

Oh I looked in the mirror.
What did I see?
I saw a fella
as cute as can be,
that must be me.

If you look
in the mirror,
what will you see?

You may see black,
you may see white;
but you won't see me,
no siree not me.

Worldwide

Fazil Hüsnü Daglarca

Here or in India or in Africa
All things resemble each other.
Here or in India or in Africa
We feel the same love for grains,
Before death we tremble together.

Whatever tongue he may speak,
His eyes will utter the meaning.
Whatever tongue he may speak,
I hear the same winds
That he is gleaning.

We humans have fallen apart.
Boundaries of land split our mirth.
We humans have fallen apart.
Yet birds are brothers in the sky,
And wolves on the earth.

UNIT TWO

Poetry is a highly charged form of literature in which every word is packed with meaning. It has a musical quality that may be achieved through the use of rhythm and rhyme or through repetition. A poem is written in lines, which do not always signal the end of sentences, and the lines are arranged in stanzas.

Reading poetry is an act of discovery. Active readers ask questions about the use of words and clarify the intended use of language. They listen for the music of the poem. They stop to summarize and to paraphrase the poem's meaning. Finally, they pull together all the elements of the poem and add to it themselves.

In this unit you will encounter poems on a variety of subjects and in variety of forms. Use the questions in this unit to help you read the poems actively.

The Eagle

Alfred, Lord Tennyson

He clasps the crag with crooked hands;
Close to the sun in lonely lands,
Ringed with the azure world, he stands.

The wrinkled sea beneath him crawls;
He watches from his mountain walls,
And like a thunderbolt he falls.

Questions

1. Describe the eagle.
2. How high up is the eagle?
3. Where is the eagle perched?

4. Since no spot on earth is literally "Close to the Sun", how would you interpret this phrase figuratively?