

Central Idea

Universal brotherhood is more important than anything else for all human beings all human beings on this plant (earth) are similar. All human beings feel, weep and breathe in the same way. So, it is of paramount importance that we should not get involved in finding differences among all human beings on the basis of their caste, creed, colour, gender or religion.

Paraphrase (Summary)

The poem “No Men Are Foreign” is written by James Kirke. In this poem the poet says. We (human beings) should always remember that no men are strangers, unusual and no other countries are foreign. Below all kinds of uniforms, we all possess the same body. We all breathe in the same manner. The land on which our brothers walk upon is the same land on which we move. And it is the same land below which we shall all be at the end of our days (after we die).

The sun, air and water that we enjoy ourselves with, is the same for other human beings also. During the times of peace, the crops we collect from the fields and feed ourselves on, other human beings also do the same and during the long winter of war, we all have to starve equally. All other human beings have got the same kind of hands that we possess. During their life, the hard work (labour) they do is no different from ours.

We should remember that other human beings possess the same kind of eyes like those of ours. Their eyes wake, sleep like those of ours. Other human beings possess the same strength that we have and this strength of theirs can be won only by love. In every land (country), we find the common pattern of life, that we all can recognize and understand.

We (human beings) must remember that whenever we are told to hate our brothers, it'll be only ourselves that we shall deprive of their love because all men are owe brethren (brother). We're only criticizing and deceiving ourselves, if we start hating other human –beings.

We should always remember that when we prepare ourselves to fight against each other, we pollute and make dirty or earth only. The destruction caused during the times of war and the dust raised forthwith pollute the air which is every where our own. We must remember that no men are unusual; strangers and no other countries are foreign.



- 1) ‘Uniforms’ in the poem means different kinds of clothes. The poet means that although we wear different kinds of clothes but below them we all possess the same body.

- 2) All the human beings on the earth are similar. We all move on the same land (earth). We all possess the same body. We all possess the same eyes which wake and sleep in the same manner. Besides, we all enjoy the same air, sun and water and we all feed ourselves on the same harvests.
- 3) Wars, our ending crave fore more and more, our lust for fame, power and our hatred for other human beings outrage the innocence and beauty of the planet earth.
- 4) In this poem all human beings are opined to maintain universal brotherhood. In the poem, we are told that all men are equal and alike. All men possess the same body. All human beings breathe in the same manner. We human beings should not hate each at her because we all are brother. If we start hating other men, we are basically deceiving ourselves; we are depriving ourselves of their love. Thus, no men are unusual (strange) and no countries are foreign. Thus, in the poem the poet has given the message of universal love and brotherhood.
- 5) The poem is not written in rhyme. The poet has written it in the verse scheme.
- 6) The poet has used the simple style of repetition in the poem besides.

