

Departure and Arrival T.S. Eliot



Lesson-Reading the poem

- Reading of the poem
- Vocabulary and themes
- Finding the main idea
- Use of symbols and figures of speech
- Impact of the poem



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T.S.Eliot

**Standing upos the shores of all we know
We linger for a moment doubtfully,
Then with a song upon our lips, sail we
Across the harbor bar--no chart to show
No light to warn of rocks which lie below,
But let us put forth courageously.**

**Although the path be tortuous and slow,
Although it bristles with a thousand fears,
To hopeful eye of youth it still appears
A lane by which the rose and hawthorn grow
We hope it may be, would that we might know
Would we might look into the future years.**

**Great duties call--the twentieth century
More grandly dowered than those which came before,
Summons--who knows what time may hold in store,
Or what great deed the distant years may see,
What conquest over pain and misery,
What heroes greater than were ever of yore.**



**But if this century is to be more great
Than those before, her sons must make her so
And we are of her sons, and we must go
With eager hearts to help mould well her fate,
And see that she shall gain such proud estate
And shall on future centuries bestow.**

**A legacy of benefits--may we
In future years be found with those who try
To labour for the good until they die,
And ask no other question than to know
That they have helped the cause of victory,
That with their aid the flag is raised so high.**

**Sometime in distant years when we are grown
Gray-haired and old, whatever be our lot,
We shall desire to see again the spot
Which, whatever we have been or done
Or to what distant lands we may have gone,
Through all the years will never have been forgot**

Central idea/Themes

- We should selflessly strive and struggle for the creation of a better and brighter future for mankind as a whole.
- Although the journey of life is full of perils and problems, but optimism, blended with courage and fortitude inspires us to accept and face the most formidable challenges of life.
- We should hand down a legacy of a better world to the future generations through our contribution and hard work. They should recognize our sacrifices, our sincere strife and struggle to make this world a better and happier place to live in.

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The journey of life and the journey of ships in ocean

Charts, stars, rocks-symbols

“Great duties call-the twentieth century”

Discussion:

Which great duties are calling us and how should we respond?

What is the impact of the poem?