

You Start Dying Slowly (Poem)

Chapter 6: You Start Dying Slowly (Poem) · Topic 1

Key Concept

The poem uses the metaphor of 'dying slowly' to describe a life lived without passion, routine, travel, or embracing new experiences.

It lists behaviours like avoiding change, not travelling, and suppressing emotions as ways people metaphorically 'die' while still alive.

The poem encourages readers to live actively, embrace uncertainty, pursue dreams, and avoid becoming a 'slave to habit.'

This poem serves as a call to action, urging readers to live fully and meaningfully rather than existing passively.

Quick Revision Notes

- Poem: metaphor 'dying slowly' for passive life.
- Describes life without passion, routine, no travel.
- Lists: avoiding change, suppressing emotions.
- These metaphorically mean 'dying' while alive.
- Poem encourages living actively.
- Embrace uncertainty, pursue dreams.
- Avoid becoming 'slave to habit'.
- It's a call to action for meaningful living.

Practice Questions

- 1 Discuss what 'dying slowly' means in the poem.
- 2 List a behaviour from the poem you want to avoid.
- 3 Discuss a risk you'd like to take in your life.
- 4 Write about a dream you want to pursue.
- 5 Discuss the poem's call to action.
- 6 Reflect on living life more actively.