

Infer and Interpret

How does the poet feel about refugees?

He thinks they should be treated equally.
He doesn't like the stereotypes.

How does it make you feel when you read it?

It makes me feel relieved that he
doesn't side with the stereotypes.

What are the two different points of view expressed in this poem?

If you read it normally then you see the
bad stereotypes but if you read it
backwards then you see how the poet feels.

Did your feelings change as the poem progressed? How and why?

^{yes}
~~yes~~ because they should be treated
kindly and with respect because of what
they had to deal with.

Structure and Form

Now read the poem from bottom to top

compare the stereotypes
and then the
realities.

Why did he write it this way? What is the effect on the reader by writing it this way?

so the reader can feel different
emotions.



This poem is an example of **palindrome** (a text that can be read forwards and backwards)

What message do you think the poet wanted to convey? Use one or more of the evaluative words/phrases from the box.

To criticise the terrible stereotypes
that refugees have to deal with.

To criticise	To draw attention to
To highlight	To celebrate



Look at the following lines taken from the poem. Next to each quote, write about how you feel after reading this line. What thoughts come to your mind?

Quotation	Your response
'They have no need of our help'	really bad they are in a dire situation - life threatening. The quotation highlights incorrect stereotypes.
'Chancers and scroungers'	Saying that they are lazy and greedy and create opportunities for themselves.
'They are not welcome here'	Arrogant and wants the money to himself. Not taking it into consideration with all things they went through.
'Build a wall to keep them out'	Want to keep them out, which is selfish. <u>Trump</u>

Evaluate

'A place should only belong to those who are born there' - agree or disagree?

I disagree because the place they moved to might be the only place they feel safe in. It's likely that they didn't have a choice to leave their country they were born in because of war and conflict.