

Unseen Poetry

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Write about the poem "Midwinter" by Graham Davies, and its effect on you (15)

The title "Midwinter" establishes a melancholic ~~mood~~ ^{tone} right from the beginning as it is showing the most dull and gloomy stage of winter which could be a metaphor for his life at that moment in time. As well as this, it is the most bleak stage as it is monotonous and ~~nothing~~ ^{changes} there is no growth.

In the first stanza, it is stated that "no birds sing" which is representing the lack of joy and happiness in the narrator's life. It also shows us that as birds "usually sing when they're happy and the fact that they're not shows us that it is unable to express itself and is creating a melodramatic mood. As well as this, this quote is repeated multiple times throughout the poem which shows us that this hopeless and somber feeling is a running theme in the narrator's life. They are trapped in an endless cycle with no freedom.

In the second stanza, it states that the "dead leaves die" which shows desperation for life which they are currently not getting. This creates a very somber tone. There is also an underlying theme of death, which is shown

In the quote "Sprawl the winter sun". This quote means to tell us that there is no light in the narrators life and that he is living in a state of misery. There is a complete lack of hope. In the third stanza he states that there was "no difference between dawn and dusk and day" which depicts how monotonous his life is and everyday is the same.

In conclusion the poem "Midwinter" by Cuthbert Parr is about the brutal monotonous cycle of winter and how gloomy it is.