

## 'The Yellow Palm'

**Q. Read the following poem 'The Yellow Palm', and answer the questions based on the poem.**

As I made my way down Palestine  
Street

I watched a funeral pass-  
all the women waving lilac stems  
around a coffin made of glass  
and the face of the man who lay  
within  
who had breathed a poison gas.

As I made my way down Palestine  
Street  
I heard the call to prayer  
and I stopped at the door of the golden  
mosque  
to watch the faithful there  
but there on the walls and the  
muezzin's eyes  
were wild with his despair

As I made my way down Palestine  
Street  
I met two blind beggars  
And into their hands I pressed my  
hands  
with a hundred black dinars;  
and their salutes were those of the

Imperial  
Guard in the Mother of all Wars.

As I made my way down Palestine  
Street  
I smelled the wide Tigris,  
the river smell that lifts the air  
in a city such as this  
but down on my head fell the barbarian  
sun  
that knows no armistice.

As I made my way down  
Palestine Street  
I saw a cruise missile,  
a slow and silver caravan  
on its slow and silver mile,  
and a beggar child turned up his  
face and blessed it with a smile.

As I made my way down  
Palestine Street  
under the yellow palms  
I saw their branches hung with  
yellow dates  
all sweeter than salaams,  
and when that same child  
reached up to touch ,  
the fruit fell in his arms..

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a. Briefly summarise the message the poet wishes to convey in 150 words.

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b. Explain the importance of repetition within the poem, what does it signify?

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## Poetry Analysis

**Q. Thoroughly and critically analyse 'The Yellow Palm', include the analysis of linguistic devices, feelings, structure, and the interpretation of specific quotes.**

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