'Praise Song for my Mother'

Q. Read the following poem 'Praise Song for my Mother', and answer the questions based on the poem.

You were
water to me
deep and bold and fathoming

You were
moon's eye to me
pull and grained and mantling

You were
sunrise to me
rise and warm and streaming

You were
the fishes red gill to me
the flame tree's spread to me
the crab's leg/the fried plantain smell
replenishing replenishing

Go to your wide futures, you said

Grace Nichols

a. Summarise briefly the main theme of the poem in 150 words.

Poetry Analysis

Q. Thoroughly and critically analyse 'Praise Song for my Mother', include the analysis of linguistic devices, feelings, structure, and the interpretation of specific quotes.