

'Hurricane Hits England'

Q. Read the following poem 'Hurricane Hits England', and answer the questions based on the poem.

It took a hurricane, to bring her
closer
To the landscape
Half the night she lay awake,
The howling ship of the wind
Its gathering rage,
Like some dark ancestral spectre,
Fearful and reassuring:
Talk to me Huracan
Talk to me Oya
Talk to me Shango
And Hattie,
My sweeping, back-home cousin.
Tell me why you visit.
An English coast?
What is the meaning
Of old tongues
Reaping havoc
In new places?

The blinding illumination,
Even as you short-Circuit us
Into further darkness?
What is the meaning of trees
Falling heavy as whales
Their crusted roots
Their cratered graves?
O Why is my heart unchained?
Tropical Oya of the Weather,
I am aligning myself to you,
I am following the movement of
your winds,
I am riding the mystery of your
storm.
Ah, sweet mystery;
Come to break the frozen lake in
me,
Shaking the foundations of the
very trees within me,
Come to let me know,
That the earth is the earth is the
earth.

Grace Nichols.

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

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b. How does the poet indicate her attachment towards her homeland?

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Poetry Analysis

Q. Thoroughly and critically analyse ‘Hurricane hits England’, include the analysis of linguistic devices, feelings, structure, and the interpretation of specific quotes.

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