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# CLASS - IX

# ENGLISH

## BEEHIVE

## POEM - 4

## NO MEN ARE FOREIGN

Part – 1
Explanation

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James Harold Kirkup FRSL (23 April 1918 – 10 May 2009)[1] was an English poet, translator and travel writer. He wrote more than 45 books, including autobiographies, novels and plays. He wrote under many pen-names including James Falconer, Aditya Jha, Jun Honda, Andrew James, Taeko Kawai, Felix Liston, Edward Raeburn.

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Free Verse

Metaphor
Alliteration
Enjambment







Remember, no men are strange, no
countries foreign a
Beneath all uniforms, a single body
breathes b
Like ours: the land our brothers
walk upon c
Is earth like this, in which we all
shall lie. d

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| Strange | : | অচিনাকি |
| Beneath | : | তলত |
| Uniforms | : | সমসাজ |
| Lie | : | সমাধিস্থ হৈ থাকিব |

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They, too, aware of sun and air and water,
Are fed by peaceful harvests, by
war's long winter starv'd.
Their hands are ours, and in their
lines we read
A labour not different from our own.

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| Aware | : | সজাগ |
| Starv'd | : | অনাহাৰে |
| Labour | : | পৰিশ্ৰম |

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Remember they have eyes like ours
that wake
Or sleep, and strength that can be
won
By love. In every land is common
life
That all can recognise and understand.

Recognise : স্বীকৃতি

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Let us remember, whenever we are told
To hate our brothers, it is ourselves
That we shall dispossess, betray, condemn.
Remember, we who take arms against each other

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| Dispossess | : | বঞ্চিত কৰা |
| Betray | : | প্ৰতাৰণা কৰা |
| Condemn | : | গৰিহণা দিয়া |

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It is the human earth that we defile.
Our hells of fire and dust outrage
the innocence
Of air that is everywhere our own,
Remember, no men are foreign,
and no countries strange.

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| Defile | : | দুষিত কৰা |
| Hells | : | নৰক |
| Outrage the innocence | : | সৰলতাক উলংঘা কৰা |

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**1** What message this poem conveys?

A Equality and oneness

B Individuality of everyone

C Everyone is different

D None

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**2** According to the poet we pollute the earth by .....

A throwing waste.

B hating and killing others (each other).

C cutting plants.

D all

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**3** Who instigates the ordinary people to hate?

A Religion

B God

C Selfish people for their personal interests

D All

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**4** According to the poem ..... should be discouraged.

A the practice of love and brotherhood

B equality

C ill practice of hatred and discrimination

D None