

The flame could represent life. Can you see anywhere in the poem where it might show this?

What is this poet telling us about life if it is 'neither strong nor free'?

'A flame in the wind of death, it trembles ceaselessly'

What will happen to flame if it is affected by wind? How might this be like life?

'all we can do to use our little light'

How could someone use their 'light'? What might the 'light' be?

The poet describes the 'piercing wind'.
What does this tell us about the wind?

The poem says the light 'flickers into night'.
The poet is talking about more than just a flame in the night. What might the light and dark be here?

'To grudge not, but to give whatever we have of strength'

What advice is the poet giving here?

'That one more flame may live'

If the flame represents life, what is the poet suggesting about human actions?

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The poet uses the extended metaphor of a flame in the poem. What does the flame represent?

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'The life we call our own is neither strong
nor free'

What is the poet implying about life?

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'A flame in the wind of death, it
trembles ceaselessly'

What image is the poet creating here? What does the flame signify?

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'all we can do to use our little light'

What does the light represent in this line?

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The poet describes the 'piercing wind'.

What does this tell us about the wind? What technique is the poet using by contrasting these two ideas?

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The poem says the light 'flickers into night'.

The poet juxtaposes the light and the dark. What message is she sharing with the reader?

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'To grudge not, but to give whatever we have
of strength'

What does the poet use alliteration to emphasise?

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'That one more flame may live'

What is the flame representing here? What is the poet saying is important in life?

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What technique does the poem use throughout the poem to convey an important message?

In the opening two lines, what does the poet emphasise to the reader about life?

'A flame in the wind of death, it
trembles ceaselessly'

What technique is the poet using here? What does 'ceaselessly' suggest?

'all we can do to use our little light'

What does the light represent in this line? What is the significance of the personal pronoun use?

The wind is symbolised as cruel by the poet.
How does she do this?

The poet juxtaposes the light and the dark. How does she do this? What does this suggest?

'To grudge not, but to give whatever we have
of strength'

What technique is the poet using here to advise the reader?

'That one more flame may live'

What is the poet suggesting here?