

KS3 Poetry From Around the World

Read the contextual information and look at the images below. What are the differences between the Caribbean and the UK?

How might each place make someone like the Island Man feel and why?



Context

Nichols was born in Guyana in 1950 before moving to the UK in 1977. Many of her poems are influenced by the culture of her homeland and she explores her feelings of dual loyalty to her home country and the UK. Along with other poets from diverse backgrounds, her work has reflected cultural and racial tensions within the UK.

After the Second World War, many people relocated from the Caribbean to the UK. Although it seemed to be a great opportunity for many, the immigrants faced challenges such as racism and difficulty in finding housing because of prejudice, as well as finding the stark contrasts between their home country and the UK, such as the cold weather. Because of this, many felt isolated and lonely. This is what Nichols wants to portray in *Island Man*.

Describe what you can see.

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Describe how it makes you feel.

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