

Lo Lull by Wopko Jensma

Meaning?

What does everyone make of this poem? It is filled with experimental writing. The poem has a very surreal, hallucinogenic nature.

How do you feel about the speaker? What is his state of mind? Can you find examples of repetition in the poem?

First thoughts:

Very disturbed! I feel desperately sorry for the speaker, who appears to be detached from life but aware of every aspect of it. S/he plays a role in society, for s/he goes to work, although I wonder at the kind of work a person in this head space would do well. I feel sad for the person going through the ritual of daily life without engaging with it. The speaker is in pain. S/he describes it graphically, psychedelically, harrowingly.

Examples of repetition:

Lines 1 and 8 "the speck of rust ... worries me".

Line 12, "no shame, no cold".

Lines 20 and 22, "they... stare".

The entire third 'chapter' excluding the last two lines.

The first and last lines of the fourth 'chapter', and all the lines in between.

Who was Wopko Jensma?

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It is important to first look at who the poet is. Try to search the internet for information on him and post your findings here.

I've found a Facebook page that is run by his grandson. It states what we already know. His family is searching for him after he went missing in 1993. I think a lot can be said for his state of mind just by reading the very surreal *Lo Lull*.

<https://www.facebook.com/Wopko-Jensma-49133785578/>

<http://mg.co.za/article/2013-04-19-what-happened-to-wopko-jensma>

Wopka Jensma: A Monograph. The Interface Between Poetry and Schizophrenia by Ayub Sheik (2002) has some interesting insights into the poem.

I hope you have all read this document which was sent with the announcement.

Discuss any thoughts regarding the PDF here.

I am working my way through this lengthy document. Reading through Jensma's biography I was struck by a comment made by Mafika Gala, "his white world was killing him as if out to destroy him." Well, *Lo Lull* certainly reads as a person who's world is killing him.

It is a very interesting poem and he was a very interesting person. Every time I read this poem, I feel it. Like it is something alive.

YouTube Links

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<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Ww25xnzDlyM> - Structure of poems.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=15iidGNKL14> - Elements of poems.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5lVHsfk0vV8> - Analyzing poems.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=E10Y0a1Zc8c> - Analyzing poetry.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=tPCZ9B9aqpQ> - Style, Tone and Atmosphere