

# “Refugee Blues” Poetry Interpretation

Read "Refugee Blues" by W. H. Auden to answer the following questions.

1. Who is the speaker in this poem and to whom is s/he speaking?
2. What is the historical context for this poem?
3. What are some key images, symbols, and/or metaphors in this poem? Explain at least two below.
4. Overall, what is the tone of this poem? What does this poem show about the refugee experience? What emotions and ideas arise in the poem?

