

Hunger feels like pincers, like the bite of crabs, it burns and has no fire.
 uncomfortable, uninviting
 Hunger is a cold fire.

painful/damaging but has no source
 obvious, bright, visible, well-known, recognizable, causes attention

Let us sit down to eat together
 with all those who haven't eaten;
 the hungry

people do not recognize & see hunger as something to be combated.
 unpleasant instigator of pain that's not recognized
 - like the peasant & others?

let us spread great tablecloths,
 spread socialism & community food
 put salt in the lakes of the world,

to end hunger & provide food for all
 - lakes lack salt

global/worldwide referring to places w/o enough food
 set up planetary bakeries,
 bread (food) for all in the world

tables with strawberries in snow,?
 and a plate like the moon itself
 big & beautiful
 from which we can all eat.

- strawberries are not in winter
 - huge plate for many people
 everyone shares food equally

For now I ask no more than the justice of eating.

narrator simply wants everyone to have food available equality
 theme

it is wrong if people cannot eat (unjustified)

Structural Devices

- 2 stanzas (28, 2)
- 1st person POV
- no dialogue
- 30 lines
- 11 sentences

repetition eating

(emphasizes unfairness of who eats; poem about food)

great tablecloth (food for all)

- different sections of tones

- o extravagant (upper class) elegant dinner
- o peasant w/o much food
- o fancy dinner w/ LOTS of food
- o hunger = bad
- o fix hunger w/ sharing

he (refers to the lower class peasant)

diction: see words underlined

descriptive language (describes tone)
 repeated words (see above) hard eyes, like pincers, hollow and green

advanced words (defined)

Literary Devices

metaphor: "Hunger is a cold fire"
 "lamb is gold" "Little sea of the soup bowl" "grim teeth" "hard eyes" "public tigers"

simile: "like pincers, like the bite of crabs" "thorns like a child of fish hooks" "like eating in a coffin" "women pass like wasps"

personification: "burning potatoes protest" "onion undresses" "tongues of oil"

tone: unfair, extravagant, depressing, painful, lonely, grim, sharing, compassion, togetherness, agonizing

symbolism: food - things that people want, and could potentially share / need

hunger - what people experience when they lack what they want/need

SHTS: sight, hearing, taste, taste/feelings, smell

theme: All people should share the liberty of being able to eat; people suffer when only some people have food to spare. Everyone should be equal