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I, Too, Sing America - Langston Hughes

I, too, sing America.

I am the darker brother.
They send me to eat in the kitchen
When company comes,
But I laugh,
And eat well,
And grow strong.

Tomorrow,
I'll be at the table
When company comes.
Nobody'll dare
Say to me
"Eat in the kitchen,"
Then.

Besides,
They'll see how beautiful I am
And be ashamed-

I, too, am America.

1. The poem reference which dark portion of America's past?
(કાવ્ય અમેરિકના ભૂતકાળના કયા ડાર્ક પોર્શન (નિરાશામય) ને ઉલ્લેખે છે?)
 - (a) The Civil War
 - (b) Slavery (ગુલામી પ્રથાને)
 - (c) The Civil Rights Movement
 - (d) Prohibition

2. What is the tone of this poem?

- (a) Optimistic (full of pride) (આશાવાદી)
- (b) Angry
- (c) Solemn
- (d) Energetic

3. The speaker of the poem is most likely?

- (a) Caucasian
- (b) Hispanic American
- (c) Asian American
- (d) African American

(4) Which word best represents the theme of the poem? (કાવ્યનો કેન્દ્રીય વિષય વસ્તુ ને કયો શબ્દ સારી રીતે રજૂ કરે છે?)

- (a) Oppression
- (b) Equality (સમાનતા)
- (c) Brotherhood
- (d) Patriotism

(5) What is the speaker referring to when he says, “I am the darker brother”?

- (a) His family role
- (b) His troubled past
- (c) His skin colour
- (d) His angry mood

(6) This poem is an example of

- (a) Sonnet
- (b) Free verse poem (of 18 short lines of 5 stanzas)
- (c) Concrete
- (d) Villanelle

(7) Which word best identifies the attitude of the speaker?

- (a) **confident** (સ્પીકર આત્મવિશ્વાસુ છે.. કે તેને પણ સમાનતા મળશે)
- (b) bitter
- (c) patriotic
- (d) ashamed

(8) What is the subject, “I, Too” by Langston Hughes?

- (a) A hungry African American
- (b) Slaves
- (c) Someone who wants equality
- (d) A kitchen remodel

(9) Who is the speaker of the poem, “I, Too”?

- (a) the plantation owner
- (b) the darker brother
- (c) the slaves
- (d) the parents of Langston Hughes

(10) What does the kitchen symbolises? (રસોડુ શેનું પ્રતિક છે?)

(they send me to eat in the kitchen when company comes)

(તેઓ (ઘોળિયાઓ) મને મહેમાન આવે ત્યારે રસોડામાં જમવા મોકલી દે છે)

(a) The future

(b) Hunger

(c) Segregation (બીજા વંશ/જાતિના લોકોને દૂર રાખવાની પ્રથા)

(d) The past

(11) What does “tomorrow” symbolize in the second stanza?

(tomorrow I will be at the table when the company comes)

(a) Choir

(b) The future

(c) Equal rights

(d) Freedom

(12) What is the tone of the poem, “I, Too”?

(a) hopeful

(b) joyful

(c) angry

(d) sad

(13) In which line do you know the speaker feels proud? (કઈ લાઇનમાં સ્પીકર ગર્વ અનુભવે છે?)

(a) and be ashamed

(b) eat in the kitchen

(c) they'll see how beautiful I am (રસોડામાં ભલે ખાવા કાઢી મૂકે પણ ત્યાં હું એકલો જ હોઈશ એટલે ધરાઈને ખાઈશ અને તગડો થઈને સુંદર મજાનો થઈશ. અને જ્યારે મહેમાનો આવશે ત્યારે તેઓ પછી મને રસોડામાં કાઢવાની હિંમત નહીં કરે અને તેઓ પણ જોઈશે કે હું કેટલો દેખાવડો છું અને તેઓ શરમજનક સ્થિતિમાં આવી જશે..)

(d) say to me

(14) What is synonym for “company” as it is used in this poem?

(a) a business

(b) pets

(c) **guests**

(d) school

(15) What is a synonym for “ashamed”?

(a) **deeply embarrassed** (ખુબજ શરમજનક સ્થિતિ અનુભવવી)

(b) hopeful

(c) excited

(d) old

(16) The title of the poem is....

(a) **I, Too**

(b) I, Too Sing America (ઉપરનું ના આપ્યું હોય તો આ પણ ચાલે)

(c) I, Too Sing American