

Strange Meeting (Wilfred Owen)

Explanation-03

"Courage was mine that are not walled."

These lines are taken from the poem "Strange Meeting" composed by Wilfred Owen. The poet has highlighted the inside and the outside of the war. He wants to know the mystery of war from his German enemy whom he killed. He is unanswered. The poet moves ahead in quest of truth. The conventional thinking is that those who possess courage wins a war. But for the poet this idea is wrong. He rules it out on the basis of wisdom. Wisdom is always superior to annihilating courage. It is wisdom that formed our great civilization. One must have clear stream of wisdom. The sense of superiority over others by either means - courage and wisdom is futile. It is like stepping back cowardly to the fortress of weakness and insecurity. Ideologies that run counter with one another are like weak walls that can support a fort.

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