

Geography Lesson

The City from the Sky

In the first stanza of this poem the poet describes his city. He tells us how it appears from the window of an aeroplane. It is clear that the city developed just as it was necessary for the people. So what looked haphazard on ground looked inevitable from the sky.

Logic of Geography

Now the plane rises to a height of ten thousand feet. The poet can see the logic of geography. He can see why the cities in the country have grown along the rivers. The valleys are populated for the same reason. It is land and water together that attracts the people.

More Sea than Land

When the plane rises still higher—six miles up, the earth looks round. From that height it is clear that the earth has more sea than land. However, one question remains unanswered. It is difficult to understand why people hate and kill one another.

The Mystery

Thus it is easy to understand the logic of geography from a height. However, it is very difficult to understand why humans hate one another. This remains a mystery.