

Reaction to Walt Whitman's "I Hear America Singing" - shows only white America was singing

able to fight back

The future (Metaphor)

Purpose - to criticise racist attitudes
Organisation - 3 ^{weakest} _{verses} bound by single lines

Emotive tone - ignores racism - looks inside. Hope for future

Techniques - Metaphor Tone
Individual words - ashamed. America.

Contrast - 1st part - describes racism/segregation
2nd - will not be discriminated against in future.

Written in 1930s (segregation era)

I, Too, Sing America by 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.

Black US Poet

Not a brother. Scarcasm.

Racism

ignores the racism and plans of a future where he is strong enough to fight back.

They will fear him if they try to discriminate

They will accept him / treat him as human. How can they be Christian if they do not treat all equally?

America is everyone equally. Black / White or even old / young etc

What/who is America?
Melting pot? All become American
Salad bowl? All equal but different types of Americans?