

Personification

"Hated" by Wislawa Szymborska

Who? = Humanity/Societies/Individuals
We }
They }

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See how efficient it still is, how it keeps itself in shape—our century's hatred. How easily it vaults the tallest obstacles. How rapidly it pounces, tracks us down.

time references

(animalistic)

It's not like other feelings.

ageless hate

it breeds hate

At once both older and younger. It gives birth itself to the reasons that give it life.

When it sleeps, it's never eternal rest. And sleeplessness won't sap its strength; it feeds it.

(never stops)

hate

emotions
story of victory
Ex: limericks (code)

Let's face it: it knows how to make beauty. The splendid fire—glow in midnight skies. Magnificent bursting bombs in rosy dawns. You can't deny the inspiring paths of ruins and a certain bawdy humor to be found in the sturdy column jutting from their midst.

One religion or another—

whatever gets it ready, in position. One fatherland or another—

whatever helps it get a running start. Justice also works well at the outset

*hated as a predator

until hate gets its own momentum going. Hated. Hated. Its face twisted in a grimace of erotic ecstasy.

(pain) is pleasure + hatred

Oh these other feelings, listless weaklings.

Since when does brotherhood (of man) draw crowds?

Has compassion ever finished first?

rhetorical Qs.

Does doubt ever really rouse the rabble? Only hatred has just what it takes.

Gifted diligent hardworking → ingest

Need we mention all the songs it has composed?

WHIT

Ex: "Hazy" Phoebe Williams

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Hatred is a master of contrast—between explosions and dead quiet, red blood and white snow. Above all, it never tires of its leitmotif—the impeccable executioner towering over its soiled victim.

perfect-killer

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It's always ready for new challenges. If it has to wait awhile, it will. They say it's blind. Blind? It has a sniper's keen sight and gazes unflinchingly at the future as only it can.

unique special
nothing scares it

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