

"Solitude" by Anna Akhmatova

1914

- ✓ alliteration
- ✓ allusion
- ✓ symbol
- ✓ personification

Symbol
1. Stone
2. words / victim of bullying

alliteration
How tower
was built
Shift
she can
move on

So many stones have been thrown at me,
That I'm not frightened of them anymore,
And the pit has become a solid tower,
Tall among tall towers. - now stronger

no fear - a known event

Symbol
1. tower
2. strength

I thank the builders,
May care and sadness pass them by.

the tower
what tower
lets her
do

From here I'll see the sunrise earlier,
Here the sun's last rays rejoice.
And into the windows of my room
The northern breezes often fly.

No matter what happens to them
I'll still be where I am.

Shift

And from my hand a dove eats grains of wheat...

- alliteration / personification - Sun's rays are happy
(to see her - overcome) / joy in challenges / setting sun

future

As for my unfinished page,
The Muse's tawny hand, divinely calm
And delicate, will finish it.

she helps others
Symbol
1. bird
2. freedom/peace

Allusion

Symbol
1. page
2. her life story

Greek & Roman mythology

9 goddesses (daughters of Zeus & Mnemosyne)
preside over the arts & sciences (song/poetry)

Any of
9 = Muse

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- Write when 11
Anna Gorenko
- Communists in power
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- Publication of work banned
1925-1953
- Forced to burn work