

2 The poem behind the Games

1 Examine the first three stanzas and match the colours with what they correspond to.

Out of the night that covers me,
Black as the pit from pole to pole,
I thank whatever gods may be
For my unconquerable soul.



Representation of the speaker

In the fell clutch of circumstance
I have not winced nor cried aloud.
Under the bludgeonings of chance
My head is bloody, but unbowed.

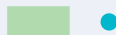


Adjectives expressing resistance



Frightening elements

Beyond this place of wrath and tears
Looms but the Horror of the shade,
And yet the menace of the years
Finds and shall find me unafraid.



Prepositions of space

WAY 1

2 Complete the table by classifying the highlighted elements from question 1. What do you notice ?

	Stanza 1	Stanza 2	Stanza 3
Place and movements
The speaker's person and body
The speaker's resistance and resilience

3 Read the last stanza in your textbook. Say what is different from the rest of the poem.

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WAY 2

2 Focus on the highlighted elements. Comment on their organisation in each stanza. What do you notice?

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3 Read the last stanza in your textbook. Say how it exemplifies the spirit and values of the Invictus Games.

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