

The Soldier

directive
explanation - dramatic

evocative opening

If I should die, think only this of me:

That there's some corner of a foreign field

That is for ever England. There shall be

In that rich earth a richer dust concealed;

caesura - emphasises pride
comparative - more than just the

5 A dust whom England bore, shaped, made aware,

Gave, once, her flowers to love, her ways to roam,

A body of England's, breathing English air,

Washed by the rivers, blest by suns of home.

lists - punctuation emphasises abundance of 'gifts'.

hyperbole

England's generosity

And think, this heart, all evil shed away,

A pulse in the eternal mind, no less

Gives somewhere back the thoughts by England given;

Her sights and sounds; dreams happy as her day;

And laughter, learnt of friends; and gentleness,

In hearts at peace, under an English heaven.

simile emphasises dreams + physical connections
- simile -

metaphoric
- beating -
rhythmical

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hyperbole - epitome

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Sonnet form - perfect structure
= perfect England