

Date 10 / 26 PV Log: (circle one) Poem / Movie / Picture / Lyric

Title Poor Young Indian Boy  
 Author / Director / Rajesh Kumar Singh

Context (Where Found / Viewed / Read?)

I was scrolling through pictures at worldinmylens.com to look for pictures to log, but I realized that all of them were copyrighted and had to be paid for. I found a similar image that I liked on that website via Google Images.

Content / CD / Summary / Precis (Say? "Plot? Setting/Situation? Key lines/phrases scenes, etc? )

This picture depicts a young and poor Indian boy, who is smiling happily at the camera. He is sitting on a cloth on the ground, completely covered in dirt, and he is eating some sort of substantial rice dish with his bare hands. The boy is happy as if nothing is wrong, but his family is clearly impoverished. A young girl and two grown men are also shown in the picture eating the same type of food, but their faces are hidden from the camera.

Content / CM / Meaning? / Theme(s)?

This photo truly shows how fortunate and blessed so many people are in the world when compared to those who are less fortunate and struggling everyday just to survive. The major theme of the photo is what is actually valued in life versus what should be valued. People often take so many of the basic necessities in life for granted, including food, water, shelter, and clothing, when there are so many people barely getting by on bare essentials. Even more, so many resources are wasted and squandered because they are used for amusement or because people don't truly understand their true value. Nevertheless, the kid in this picture seems happy despite all of the unfortunate circumstances because he knows what is ultimately important in life, and he does not overlook its significance.

Form (Diction? Construction Terms? Symbolism?)

Though everyone is sitting down on the ground, which is probably the place where the impoverished family lives, the photo is taken from an upward angle by someone standing up. The smile on the young boy's face suggests a very strong and powerful message that may be difficult to take into the consideration. Because the boy appears happy despite the unfortunate life he is living, he seems to know more about meaning and significance than those who doesn't fully appreciate their lives.

Commentary (What do you want to say? Why like? Questions? Synthesis / Allusions-Connections / Relevance to personal experience, to literature, 20Q's? etc.)? "Poetic" Traits?

This photo of a joyful and seemingly elated young boy who has to endure such harsh and undesirable circumstances sends an immensely poignant and powerful message to the viewer, and that is what makes the photo so compelling and alluring. Seeing people suffer is perhaps one of the most depressing and dreary things in life; however, this child in no way outwardly portrays his misfortune and pain. He so much appreciates the ability to have a substantial meal that he loses all awareness of all of the hardships he has to endure. Unfortunately, I do undervalue so many simple necessities in life because I have grown up in such a fortunate household, in which obtaining the bare minimal is not such an endeavor. Therefore, I for sure would never be able to experience the joy and comfort that this boy experiences had I had to live his life, and this makes me commend and appreciate his attitude so much more. Overall, this photo is entirely poetic because it makes people reflect on their possessions and what they value in life. It teaches people not to worry and get upset over petty possessions and the things that are often overlooked and taken completely for granted.

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