

## Poetry From Other Cultures & Traditions

### **Exam style questions that you can try – if you attempt one take it to your English teacher to be marked.**

1. Hurricane Hits England by Grace Nichols

Explain the meaning of Grace Nichols' final line, and show how this idea has developed out of the experience described in the poem as a whole.

2. Presents From My Aunts In Pakistan by Moniza Alvi

How does the speaker in the poem feel about the presents she receives? Refer in detail to the wording of the poem.

3. Hurricane Hits England and Presents From My Aunts In Pakistan

The speakers in both poems are living in England, but have been reminded in different ways of the other countries in which they were born. How does the sense of exile come across in these poems? Is this tension resolved in the poems' endings?

4. Hurricane Hits England and Presents From My Aunts In Pakistan

Just as the arrival of the presents in *Presents From My Aunts In Pakistan* affected the girl receiving them, the arrival of the hurricane in *Hurricane Hits England* affected the poet in this poem. Explain how you feel both poets managed the situation they found themselves in. Refer directly to the lines of the poem in your answers.

5. Any two poems of your choice:

Write about the ways in which **two** poets from this selection explore the connection between two people and the places in which they live.

6. Any two poems of your choice:

Reading these poems has given you the opportunity to learn something about cultures different from your own.

Choose **two** poems and write about:

- What you have learned about different cultures
- The methods the poets use to present the cultures
- Which poem has had the most influence on you and why