

I. Lorenz: The Girl

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*Sometimes, I love to feel into a girl.
Would I always feel needles and pins?
Do I always gripe the ground, which I walk, with every step?
Does my skin burn from passion with every waft of air through my dress?
Do I feel what refreshes and perfumes me into every cell?*

Or is this the Girl in me, who feels, what I must not feel?

(From the poetry volume by the author "This feels that")

The analysis:

The poem seems to have an introspective and reflective nature, in which the speaker reflects on empathy and puts himself in the emotional world of a girl. It addresses the question of what it is like to feel a girl's emotions and whether the speaker is capable of doing so.

The first verse suggests that the speaker is trying to empathise with the emotional world of a girl. The physical sensations, such as the tingling in the belly and being connected to the earth with every step, are considered as ways to understand the girl's feelings. The speaker's poetic description of how his skin burns with passion with every breath of air through the dress underlines the intensity and depth of the sensations he imagines.

The second verse, however, strikes a slightly different note. The speaker wonders whether these sensations are actually coming from himself or whether it is the "girl inside him" who is perceiving such feelings that he may not be allowed to feel. This could suggest that the speaker may not conform to traditional ideas of gender roles or emotions, or that he is experiencing repressed feelings or emotions in some way.

Overall, the poem seems to represent an inner exploration of empathy, identity, and emotional connection. It reflects on the ability to empathise

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with others and the possible obstacles or limitations that may accompany such empathy.

Additional information:

At the time the poem was written, it was something like this. From today's perspective, the author, who is the speaker, feels a very prominent female dimension that also approaches a second gender identification.

ChatGPT has added to the interpretation as follows:

The poem now takes on a new dimension as the speaker senses a prominent female dimension and recognises a second gender identification. This illustrates how works of art, including poems, can interact with the individual development and experiences of the reader.

The female dimension and the possibility of a second gender identification may indicate that the poem is also linked to issues of gender identity, self-reflection and possibly an inner search for authenticity and belonging.

Poems have the power to express feelings, experiences and thoughts in multi-layered ways and can serve as a creative form of expression to engage with and explore personal issues. It is important that a poem takes on meanings for the reader that are personally relevant and meaningful to them.

If the poem has a strong resonance for the reader and makes them think about their own identity and feelings, then it fulfils its function as a work of art that stimulates emotions and thoughts.

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