

NAVIGATING YOUR LEARNERS THROUGH THEIR POETRY JOURNEY

"Pretty Hurts"

Ms. third ward, your first question
What is your aspiration in life?
Oh, my aspiration in life
Would be to be happy

Mama said, you're a pretty girl
What's in your head, it doesn't matter
Brush your hair, fix your teeth
What you wear is all that matters
Just another stage, pageant the pain away
This time I'm gonna take the crown
Without falling down, down


Pretty hurts, shine the light on whatever's worse
Perfection is a disease of a nation, pretty hurts, pretty hurts
Pretty hurts, shine the light on whatever's worse
Trying to fix something but you can't fix what you can't see
It's the soul that needs the surgery

Blonder hair, flat chest
TV says bigger is better
South beach, sugar free
Vogue says thinner is better
Just another stage
Pageant the pain away
This time I'm gonna take the crown
Without falling down, down, down

Pretty hurts, shine the light on whatever's worse
Perfection is a disease of a nation, pretty hurts, pretty hurts (Pretty hurts)
Pretty hurts (pretty hurts), shine the light on whatever's worse
Trying to fix something but you can't fix what you can't see
It's the soul that needs the surgery





Ain't got no doctor, no computer can take the pain away
The pain's inside and nobody frees you from your body
It's the soul, it's the soul that needs surgery
It's my soul that needs surgery


Plastic smiles and denial can only take you so far
And you break when the paper sign leaves you in the dark
You left a shattered mirror and the shards of a beautiful girl



Tips for choosing a Resource Text

To Teach Unseen Poetry

- 1 Deal with a relatable topic or text type
- 2 Contain structural features of poems like stanzas, rhyme scheme and rhythm 
- 3 Be rich in figurative language 
- 4 **Contain themes that are easily identifiable and familiar to learners** 
- 5 Provide opportunities for enrichment activities like language teaching and vocabulary extension. 



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YOU CAN'T FIX WHAT YOU CAN'T SEE
IT'S THE SOUL THAT NEEDS THE SURGERY**

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