

Student Essay on "I Have a Rendezvous with Death"

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Alan Seeger was an American poet. He lived during what is known to us as the most crucial time in man's history. The poem "I Have a Rendezvous with Death," was actually written during world war one. Without a doubt, this poem made me give death many divers thoughts. What I conclude after reading this poem is that Alan Seeger wanted people to know that dying for your country was the noblest attempt in which death takes place. All this to say that being a patriot is far more than just a privilege.

The first stanza is the most striking of the three it makes a great relation between, spring, blossoms, and birth. Of course, we must not forget that at some point or another it is inevitable to escape death. All this makes a link with war, all the tons of people that died in war have them too meet death. Just as spring come around every year, it also brings about new faces and new challenges to life. These new people are probably the ones that were much to young to take part in it previously.

Stanza two, takes you through the stages of death. With the angel of death, nearly holding you hand all along the way and reassuring you that everything will be fine. That you are of course doing this for your land and people. This too made me have a visual image of dead people scattered around on the fields, up on the hills. So helpless, dead and left all alone for the winter's cold. Yet, come spring their bodies no long their, probably decomposed and the first flowers of spring appearing; each one representing a faithful citizen.

He concludes this poem by making reference to his compassion for his country, by adding in that yes of course, most of us would rather be in our comfort zones all wrapped up in silk, but instead some are willing to sacrifice it all for what they believe in, land, pride and dignity.