

'This Room' could be said to be an optimistic poem. Choose one other poem that is also optimistic and compare it with 'This Room', remembering to say what the poets are optimistic about and how they show their feelings

Understand and evaluate how writers use linguistic, structural and presentational devices to achieve their effects

Content

- TR - optimistic about life, 'This is the time and place to be alive.'
- Vultures – despite external appearances, even the Commandant at Belsen and the vultures have a softer side.

Language

- TR – mixture of +ve, ('celebration', 'alive', 'excitement') and –ve, ('nightmares', 'dark') language but the +ve outweighs the –ve.
- V – as above.

Structure

- TR has stanzas of different lengths which add to the sense of chaos. Final line on its own suggests a conclusion - she is happy in her isolation which is why her "hands are outside, clapping"
- Starts off -vely with "greyness and drizzle" but shows two sides to every story - the vulture is "affectionate"; the commandant smells of "human roast" but shows love for his daughter. The juxtaposition highlights the differences.