

Exposure

Conflict

- reality of war
- effects of conflict

Repetition

- "but nothing happens"
- highly strung on adrenaline which leads to stress
- highlights uselessness of war
- sibilance, "sudden successive flights of bullets streak the silence"
- sibilance of the sound is a lot more harsh than the softer 'f' which shows that while the bullets rush past suddenly and rapidly, the snowflakes fall is gentle and evocatively beautiful but no less deadly

Personification

- "winds that knife us"
- highlights how weather is more dangerous than the bullets
- "mad gusts"
- "pale flakes with fingering stealth faces"
- repeated to show the importance
- overwhelming

Structure

- understand intensity of waiting for battle
- narrative perspective
- stanzas start with powerful start however the ending is anti-climatic

Key Quotes

- "shudders back with snows" → shows the war is against nature
- "clouds sag stormy" tricolon associates war with rain and clouds as though they are naturally connected

Poems that link well

Charge of the Light Brigade → reality of war

Remains → effects of conflict

Bayonet Charge → reality of war

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