

Tissue

Power

- power of the paper
- power fragile like tissue

Religious connotations

- delicate paper, like the one in bibles
- reference to Koran
- power of God can alter things
- light is a metaphor for nature
- power of God to power of man

Enjambment

- breaking stanza
- lacks control, freedom of lines shows lack of control mankind have
- forced break between stanza 1 and 2 shows difference and shift in tone from power of God to power of man
- could show man trying to take power from God
- written in free verse represent lack of power of mankind

Repetition

- "transparent"
- emphasizes importance
- poet could suggest those in power need to be open and honest to succeed

Key Quotes

- "might fly our lives like paper kites" → simile shows instability. Shows our lives are not always in control. Freedom
- "turned into your skin" → essence of humans can outlast things that seem permanent like large buildings

Poems that link well:

- Ozymandias → instability of power
- War photograph → power of paper, identity

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