

The Tedious Utopia
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Long ago and faraway
where all good tales began
in a land of plenty
not marred by thinking man
No poverty or sickness,
no anger, greed or hate
Time was not the master
and folk were never late
Utopian land of dreams
Heavenly place to some
To one man it seemed tedious
“A paradise for the dumb.”
“Not for those who question
or rise to seize the day,
No challenges to stretch their minds”
was what he’d like to say.
Others seemed content
in the endless glow of sun
but the wise man prayed most earnestly
that it would come undone
He grew tired of endless day
and longed for the contrast of night
because ‘Only after darkness
can they hope to see the light.’
He looked upon the people
grown complacent, soft and fat
“Nothing more and nothing less.
What’s a ball without a bat?”
There’s no competition
When everyone agrees
Surrounded by perfection
what could they hope to see?
A better world is found
in balanced black and white
Growth can only happen
through challenges in life.
Hearts and minds grow stronger
when they bravely bear the load
How can one develop
with only one choice of road?"

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1. How is the narrator of this poem different from the other people in the poem?

2. What things in this poem could be considered positive?

3. What line from the poem would lead you to believe that there are no nights in this society?

4. The author says that "only growth can happen through challenges in life." Explain what this means.

5. In what ways is the Utopian Society in this poem similar to Jonas's community?