“I Sit and Look Out” by Walt Whitman

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| I sit and look out upon all the sorrows of the world, and upon all oppression and shame; |  |
| I hear secret convulsive1 sobs from young men, at anguish with themselves, remorseful after deeds  done; |  |
| I see, in low life2, the mother misused by her children, dying, neglected, gaunt, desperate; |  |
| I see the wife misused by her husband—I see the treacherous seducer of young women; |  |
| I mark the ranklings3 of jealousy and unrequited4 love, attempted to be hid—I see these sights on the  earth; |  |
| I see the workings of battle, pestilence, tyranny—I see martyrs and prisoners; |  |
| I observe a famine at sea—I observe the sailors casting lots5 who shall be kill’d, to preserve the lives of  the rest; |  |
| I observe the slights and degradations6 cast by arrogant7 persons upon laborers, the poor, and upon  negroes, and the like; |  |
| All these—All the meanness and agony without end, I sitting, look out upon, |  |
| See, hear, and am silent. |  |

1 Convulsive: intense and uncontrolled

2 Low life: life of the lower classes, one of poverty

3 Ranklings: bitter feelings or resentments

4 Unrequited: not returned

5 Casting lots: deciding by choosing objects (like drawing straws) to see who will be sacrificed

6 Degradations: insults, put downs

7 Arrogant: very proud, having an over-blown sense of importance

S=speaker; P=paraphrase; E=elements; S=symbols; M=mood; T=tone; T=thematic idea; T=thematic idea

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| S | Give 2 possibilities: 1. 2. |
| P |  |
| E | Like “I Hear America Singing”, there is cataloguing. Of who/what?  Alliteration (2 ex): 1. 2. |
| S | None |
| M | \*Use your bookmark! Then underline two words/phrases as support. |
| T | \*Use your bookmark! Then circle two words/phrases as support. |
| T | 1. 2. |
| T | Because there is so much \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ in the world, one feels  \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ to change it. |

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