

With close textual reference, show how a mood from this poem is similar to a mood from at least one other poem by MacCaig.

### AREA OF COMMONALITY

In 'Visiting Hour' MacCaig creates a mood of despair due to a lack of communication. <sup>①</sup> In 'Aunt Julia' MacCaig creates a mood of frustration due to language barriers with his Aunt. <sup>②</sup>

#### 'Visiting Hour'

"and between her and me the distance shrinks till there is none left but the distance of pain that neither she nor I can cross." ✓ <sup>①</sup>

the enjambment ~~highlights~~ highlights the letter I - putting it at the end of the longest line in the poem highlighting his isolation and despair. ✓ <sup>②</sup>

#### "Aunt Julia"

."welcoming me with a seagull's voice" ✓ <sup>①</sup>

her voice is incomprehensible to MacCaig and although his Aunt is a very lovable character the language barrier stops them talking to each other showing his frustration due to the barrier. ✓ <sup>②</sup>

"questions unanswered" ✓ <sup>①</sup>

MacCaig was obviously very frustrated at his inability to ask his Aunt about things and this is the last line in the poem and intensifies his frustration - now she's dead he will never find his answers. ✓ <sup>②</sup>