

I really connect with Langston Hughes' poem I Look at the World because it describes how it feels to be held back by doubt or other people's opinions. There have been many times when I thought I was stuck in "this fenced-off narrow space assigned to me," just like the speaker in the poem. I have felt limited by my own fears and by what others expect me to be, as if I could not dream big or speak my mind. This poem made me realize that many people, including me, feel this way at some point in their lives.

The poem also gives me hope because it shows that we can change our own lives. The line "I see that my own hands can make the world that's in my mind" reminds me that I do not have to stay stuck. I have started to believe more in myself and to work toward what I want instead of letting fear stop me. Reading this poem helps me feel stronger and more hopeful. It teaches me that I have the power to shape my own future, and that is a message I carry with me every day.