

Ah! Sunflower



As though addressing the sunflower – implies that the sunflower represents human/s.

“weary” – tired, characterised by causing impatience

“clime” – meaning climate? The warmth/heat of the Sun (of God)

OR does it mean climb? Heaven is seen as being ‘above’, so it is like a climb to get there.

Ah Sun-flower! weary of time,
Who countest the steps of the sun:
Seeking after that sweet golden clime,
Where the traveller's journey is done.

“golden” – riches, warmth.

Full stop – air of finality, yet the sentence seems to continue – perhaps this inner struggle and longing is unending?

KEY: **red** is words that imply longing, or aspirations.

Stanza 1 maps out the ways of a sunflower, and also describes man's longing for heaven/love..



Regular rhyme scheme – this has always been the case, humanity has always longed for better things.

“desire” and “aspire” rhyme at the end of the lines – this is a poem of longing, of desires.

General words – the feelings of many people, BUT “the” makes it more specific.

Where the Youth **pined** away with **desire**,
And the pale Virgin shrouded in snow:
Arise from their graves and **aspire**,
Where my Sun-flower **wishes** to go.

“aspire” – to seek ambitiously, especially something of great importance.

Brings the whole poem down to a personal level – it applies to everyone, including the poet?

