

Any thoughts on this?

I found this:

Quiet Place by Mxolisi Nyezwa

"Re-invoking the turmoil of the wider world through the image of a blowing universe, Nyezwa finds quiet re-assurance in the township's familiar surrounds, emphasised by the fact "there is always the spaza shop at the end of the street". Suffering and hardship exists in the world and there is a common destiny that will see "the planet eventually crumble", but this is overshadowed by the connotations of comfort and peace. Home provides a sense of balance where he is able to accept, reflect, and have no desire to fight this simple truth."

My thoughts on the poem:

The quiet place is the figurative place of peace his home brings him. In spite of all the suffering in the world. He is still aware of it but his home is a refuge. When he is there, he is transported away from the troubles.

He begins mid sentence as though continuing a thought out loud.

The effect of the repetition of the phrase "I remain aware" is emphasis. Speaker wants you to understand and remember he is aware of the world's pain. He is not ignorant. Nor is he ignoring it. He is at peace with our destiny to eventually crumble.

Recurring sound device is alliteration with "southern sky." The consonant S is repeated. The effect of a sound device is to evoke images and reinforce meaning to create an emotional response.

I would say the tone is reflective and contemplative.