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Crossing Brooklyn Ferry

“Crossing Brooklyn Ferry” is a poem written by Walt Whitman and published in the second edition of Leaves of Grass in 1856. The poem was published in its original state, but it was edited, revised and even retitled in the later versions of the book.

In the poem, the poet has used many brilliant expressions and phrases that explain the philosophy behind the actual words. The poem is about life; the uncertainty of life and how the people in lie come and go. The poet wants to remind us that how short this life is by giving the example of a ferry and the passengers as the people who get on it as the people who come in your life and go.

The poem makes use of the two important places as references. One of them is mentioned in the very title of the poem “Crossing Brooklyn Ferry." The poem mentions in it that a ferry that starts from Brooklyn end its Journey in London. The two places are very far apart; in fact, both are in different continents. Brooklyn is in New York, situated in the United States of America. And London is in located in England. The London Bridge, in 1857 has been described as a tall and vast bridge with big and strong walls. On the other hand, Brooklyn has been described as a prosperous and thriving place where the ships and ferries used to come and get parked, with the sailors working all the time on the docks. The poet has explained the hustle and bustle of the city in the following words “Crowds of women and men, attired in usual costumes," and at another instance, “On the ferry boats, the hundreds and hundreds that cross” (Whitman). This feature of bot these places is still present at these places that they are very thriving and busy.

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