

A comparison
between the poems
hawk roosting and
the windhover essay



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The Poems Hawk Roosting and The Windhover are both about birds as their titles already suggest. Even though they are of the same subject they have many differences and contrasts. One tells us about a bird who thinks a lot of himself and is almost some kind of a show off. In the other hand, The Windhover tells us of a bird who is light and gentle passing a much better impression than the bird in the poem Hawk Roosting. In Hawk Roosting we seem to have a darker image of the bird while in the other one a much brighter and lighter image is passed.

It is very interesting to see how the two authors managed to have so many ideas for the same subject and make two excellent poems. The poem Hawk Roosting is written from the point of view of the hawk, a bird of prey, is sitting roosting in a tree. He just observes all that is around him. He thinks a lot of himself and he sees himself as the ultimate being of Creation. He thinks that all there is in the World was created for his benefit. He thinks he has the power to revolve the World. He also believes to have power over life and death.

He thinks he has control of all that happens in the World and wishes to keep things like this. He thinks of himself as almost a Godly like figure. In the Windhover the Bird seems to be gentler than the one in Hawk Roosting. The poem is not written from his point of view. It is written from the point of view of a person who is observing him. He is like a gift from God for the people who just watch him float lightly through the air. The bird in the windhover does not seem to think a much of himself as the one in Hawk Roosting. This might be because he is not a bird of prey as the Hawk is.

Another interesting is how the birds seem to contrast in size and strength.

While one of them gives us the impression of being big and strong, the other

one is fragile and weak. The only great similarity there is between them is the fact that in the two poems they are shown as almost Godly like figures.

In the Windhover however the bird does not think of himself as this, who says he is Godly like, is the narrator who is thanking the Lord for providing

him with such a great gift. The Sun of daylight as he says in the poem. In

Hawk Roosting, it is the bird that says he is almost a God.

He thinks he is the center of the universe and that he has control over all that happens. He is too self-confident. So, as you can see even though the

poems Hawk Roosting and the Windhover are about birds they have

many differences between them. The two are interesting and entertaining

each one in their own specific way and I believe are class is privileged to read

such good poems from such good authors. The one I liked best however was

The Windhover since I thought the bird in Hawk Roosting was too much of a

show off and I do not appreciate that in a character's personality, but as I said

previously both are excellent poems.