

**The Return of My Dreams** by Yulia Endang  
Performed as part of the [Slam Poetry Festival Singapore \(2021\)](#).  
Time code [1:12:44] – [1:14:50]

1. In your opinion, what is this poem about?

2. What do you think the speaker is feeling? What emotions did you hear in the speaker's voice?

3. Listen to the poem again. Were there any phrases or lines that caught your attention because of the way they sounded?

4. If you were to visualise this poem, what images come to mind?

5. Is there a dream (or interest, or hobby) that you once had, that you hope you can return to at this point in your life?

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6. Have you had to sacrifice something important to you? What influenced your decision to make that sacrifice?

7. At the end of the piece, Yulia Endang writes: "I will keep on fighting / Because I know / It is not just about me and my dreams / But about them and their dreams too." Whose dreams do you think Yulia Endang is referring to in the last line? Why do you think their dreams inspire her to keep fighting?

8. Think of your own hopes and dreams – what keeps them alive, and who are they for?