 Resource 8 - Slessor’s Poems – An Overview

| Poem | Human Experience | Overview |
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| Wild Grapes | Effects of Time  Power of memory and nature | The poet visits an old abandoned orchard and shows how passing time and nature have transformed and destroyed human effort |
| Gulliver | Despair | Questions whether human existence has any meaning. A dark version of humanity where men are without hope |
| Beach Burial | Loss  Conflict | Explores individual relationships, challenges the way conflict is represented. |
| Vesper Song of the Reverend Samuel Marsden | Anger  Violence  Morality  Identity | Explores motivations behind extreme violence, satirical view of historical figure, challenges the way Australian past was represented. |
| William Street | Connection to place  Different reactions  Poverty | Explores how the persona reacts to William St and challenges the audience to see it through their eyes, to experience it like he does. |
| Out of Time | Loss of time  Impending death | Explores how time moves on and impacts upon our lives |