Worksheet: My Mother at Sixty-Six (Kamala Das)

IB · Class 12 · English · 3 questions · 12 marks

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Q1. Identify and explain the two similes used to describe the poet's mother in 'My Mother at Sixty-Six'. *[2 marks]*

Q2. Why does the poet 'smile and smile and smile' at the end of the poem? What is the relationship between the smile and 'my childhood's fear'? *[4 marks]*

Q3. How does Kamala Das use contrast and imagery to express the theme of aging, love, and loss in 'My Mother at Sixty-Six'? What makes the poem universally resonant? *[6 marks]*