

Like The Molave - poem

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Not yet, Rizal, not yet. Sleep not in peace:
There are a thousand waters to be spanned;
there are a thousand mountains to be crossed;
there are a thousand crosses to be borne.
Our shoulders are not strong; our sinews are
grown flaccid with dependence, smug with ease
under another's wing. Rest not in peace;
Not yet, Rizal, not yet. The land has need
of young blood-and, what younger than your own,
Forever spilled in the great name of freedom,
Forever oblate on the altar of
the free? Not you alone, Rizal. O souls
And spirits of the martyred brave, arise!
Arise and scour the land! Shed once again
your willing blood! Infuse the vibrant red
into our thin anemic veins; until
we pick up your Promethean tools and, strong,
Out of the depthless matrix of your faith
in us, and on the silent cliffs of freedom,
we carve for all time your marmoreal dream!
Until our people, seeing, are become
like the Molave, firm, resilient, staunch,
rising on the hillside, unafraid,
Strong in its own fiber, yes, like the Molave!

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Not yet,Rizal,not yet. The glory hour will come
Out of the silent dreaming
from the seven thousand fold silence
We shall emerge, saying WE ARE FILIPINOS!
and no longer be ashamed
sleep not in peace
the dream is not yet fully carved
hard the wood but harder the woods
yet the molave will stand
yet the molave monument will rise
and god's walk on brown legs

The Literary Interpretation Of Like The Molave:

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The main interpretation of the Filipino poem Like The Molave is one regarding how the people of the Philippines must work to make the nation stronger. The poem states that a region of the Philippines - Rizal - cannot yet rest, as there is still much work to be done to make the area successful.

At the beginning of the poem, the poet outlines how the Philippines is dependent on other nations, and must work towards becoming independent in the future in order to support its citizens. Like The Molave also highlights the importance of the younger generation, and how they must fight for their

country and improve the Filipino way of living. The poet believes this will grant the nation freedom.

Like The Molave also talks about heroes and how they inspire regular Filipinos to be great themselves and join them on the quest to make the Philippines a more prosperous place. The poem states that whilst many Filipinos are achieving great things for their country, there is still much more to be done and more residents must contribute to the efforts. In short, Like The Molave is about inspiring the Filipino nation to improve their country and make it self-sufficient.

ref.: e.g. <http://www.blurtit.com/q1164231.html>

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