

Vulnerability in Al Mutanabi's poetry

Abstract: In this paper I have attempted to analyse vulnerability in the poetry of Abu Taib Al Mutanabi. I have studied signs of weakness in different aspects of the poet's life. The poet portrays helplessness through place represented by imprisonment and longing, and time such as representations of night and death. Al-Mutanabi also uses the humanistic level represented by his relationship with Saif al-Dawla especially in its final stages. Weakness is also represented through the foe figure and the various enemies of the time. This study reveals that Al Mutanabi was defenseless and helpless on many occasions during his life time. The poet, however, did not submit as he faced and defied in order to emphasise that the value of life is to live it with dignity.

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