CH7. POEM. ANIMALS (FIRST FLIGHT)

1 In the poem ‘Animals’, the poet Walt Whitman praises animals animals for being better than human beings and for possessing all such qualities that humans lack or have forgotten.

2 Those qualities are calmness, the lack of greed and the ability to stay happy and contained among others.

3 The poet wants to live among animals and experience a life where no one complains and where they are free of sins and sorrow. The most important theme of the poem is not to praise how good animals are , but to compare humans with them in order to highlight the flaws of their nature.

4 The poet believes that probably a very long time ago, humans possessed all these qualities mentioned above , but they have now lost them.