

Daylight Come: Quick Reference Guide

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Audio Duration

Approximately 45-60 minutes

Key Themes

- Migration and the Windrush generation
- Family separation and intergenerational trauma
- Identity between Jamaica and Britain
- Colourism and racism
- Labor exploitation and economic hardship
- Cultural preservation (Patois, Nine Night, Obeah)

Important Figures

Calvin Walker (AI-narrated) - B. St. Thomas, Jamaica (1955); moved to England (1961)

Vera - Narrator's sister, b. Jamaica (1948); moved to England mid-1950s under mysterious circumstances; died 2004

Esther Eugena Parks - Narrator's mother, b. Jamaica (1928); migrated November 1960; worked Savoy Hotel Laundry; contracted TB; died 2011

Goddie May (Mabel) - Narrator's aunt, b. Jamaica (1919); mother figure; lived Brixton; died December 2004

Great-Aunt Mel – B. Jamaica (1904); matriarchal figure; moved to England late 1950s; later returned to Jamaica

Cousin Morris - Goddie May's son; never fulfilled responsibilities as father; died 2008

Key Dates

1948 - Vera born; HMT Windrush arrives in Britain

1951 - Hurricane Charlie devastates Jamaica

1955 - Narrator born in St. Thomas, Jamaica

1960 - Esther migrates to England (November)

1961 - Narrator moves to England with Goddie May (September); settle in Brixton

1962 - Jamaica gains independence; narrator becomes British citizen

2004 - Vera dies (New Year's Eve); Goddie May dies (December)

2011 - Esther dies (October)

2024 - Daylight Come audio project created

Key Terms

Windrush Generation - Caribbean immigrants to Britain 1948-1971

Colourism - Discrimination based on skin tone within racial groups

Patois - Jamaican Creole language blending English with West African and other influences

Nine Night - Traditional Jamaican funerary wake held over nine nights, African in origin

Duppies - Restless spirits in Jamaican folklore; can take forms like the rolling calf

Obeah - West African-derived folk magic and spiritual practice in Caribbean

Brixton - South London area, center of Caribbean diaspora community

Windrush Scandal (2018) - Legal UK residents wrongly detained/deported despite decades of residence

Historical Context

1655 - British capture Jamaica from Spain; begin importing enslaved Africans

1692 - Earthquake/tsunami destroy Port Royal

1838 - Slavery abolished in Jamaica

1865 - Morant Bay Rebellion; hundreds killed by British soldiers

1957 - Edith Clarke publishes "My Mother Who Fathered Me" on Jamaican family structures

Resources

Full Study Guide includes: Quiz questions • Discussion points connecting past to present • Essay questions • Detailed timeline • Complete glossary • Character biographies

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