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The Horses (1956)

When you read this poem look out for the full-stops.

1. What is the situation, described in the first 6 lines?
2. What happens next?
3. Line 12 ff the *radio* is discussed – what about it? What is the radio a symbol of?
4. *Nations* are mentioned briefly, ll 21 ff – how?
5. “We have gone back far past our father's land” - how?
6. Then the horses arrive. How are they described? Quote(s), please
7. What is the people's attitude towards them?
8. The ending – explain, please.

General questions

9. : how would you describe the situation that mankind is in, in the poem?
10. : what is the tone of voice in the poem – dramatic, calm, matter-of-factly ..?
11. : what is the poem about?

