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The poem, "The White Man's Burden," Robert Kipland discusses how expansion of western or White civilization is the race's goal or burden. This is a remark on imperialism by the countries that are predominately white, such as Britain and the United States. Kipland writes, "Go send your sons to exile To serve your captives' need To wait in heavy harness On fluttered folk and wild— Your new-caught, sullen peoples, Half devil and half child," (Lines 3-8). The sons refers to the white race, and the captives' needs plus the half devil and half child would be the less advanced cultures that the western world has come across, such as the Philippines. This poem was written by a British man, and this poem was a remark on imperialism. This imperialism was applied to the United States conquering territories of civilizations that are less advanced. Kipland is trying to warn other imperialistic nations that they should learn that if a country doesn't fully commit to conquering and westernizing a civilization, that their efforts will be a failure.