Tissue

1. What's the modal verb in the first stanza and what could it suggest?
2. Describe the structure of the poem. What's unexpected about the structure?
3. What's the Koran and why might it have been mentioned?
4. How is a list used in the fifth stanza?
5. What forms of paper are discussed in the sixth stanza? Why?
6. What's the final form of tissue mentioned? Look at line 34. Why is it never meant to last?
7. Look at line 11. Which words are verbs and what do they suggest about the Koran?
8. Read the seventh stanza again. What is the poet suggesting we could build with? Why might this be better than brick? (Hint- this is metaphorical!)
9. Reread the first two lines. Why are they important?
10. Who is the poet addressing? What's the purpose of this?

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