"Aho Da Li Sar" Music by Sayed Darwish (1892-1923) Lyrics by Badie Khairy

Lyrics Translated from the Arabic	Exploring the Lyrics
This is what happened and what was. You don't have the right, You don't have the right to blame me.	1. What is the artist singing about? How do you know?
How can you blame me, Sir, When the wealth of our country is not in our hand?	
Tell me things that benefit us And then you can blame me.	2. From whose point of view is the song written? To whom is it addressed?
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Egypt, the mother of wonders, Your people are dignified, Your faults are not.	3. What does the artist mean when he says, "the wealth of our country is not in our hand"?
Take care of your loved ones. They are the supporters of the cause.	
Instead of the gloating of the jealous, Put your hand in mine to work together. We all become one And our hands become stronger.	4. What do you think is meant by "you don't have the right to blame me"? For what is he being blamed?
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You don't have the right to blame me.	5. What can you learn from the song about the social, political, and economic conditions of the period?
	6. What feelings does it convey?

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