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The Divine Narcissus (Sor Juana Inés de la Cruz)

What does Equiano notice about the people from different cultures? What in particular were his first impressions?

- The first object which saluted my eyes when I arrived on the coast was the sea and a slave ship, which was then riding at anchor, and waiting for its cargo. These filled me with astonishment, which was soon converted into terror when I was carried aboard. I was immediately handed and tossed up to see if I was sound by some of the crew; I was not persuaded that I had gotten into a world of bad spirits and they were going to kill me.
- From the time I left my own nation, I always found somebody that understood me until I came to the sea coast. The language of different nations did not differ fatally. They we therefore easily learned. I learned two or three different tongues