

FOG

Carl Sandburg

The fog comes
on little cat feet.

It sits looking
over harbor and city
on silent haunches
and then moves on.

haunches (hōnch' iz) *n.*
upper legs and hips
of an animal

Carl Sandburg

(1878–1967)



The son
of Swedish
immigrants,
Carl Sandburg
was born
in Illinois.

Although he
won the Pulitzer

Prize in both poetry and
history, he was not a typical
scholar. By the time his
first book appeared, he had
been a farm worker, a stage-
hand, a railroad worker, a
soldier, and a cook, among
other things. Sandburg
was working as a reporter
when he jotted down the
poem "Fog."

Metaphor:

Fog
is compared to
cat

A cat comes into a room
quietly sticks around for a bit
then leaves just like the
fog

Full Fathom Five

WILLIAM SHAKESPEARE

Full fathom¹ five thy father lies;
Of his bones are coral made;
Those are pearls that were his eyes;
Nothing of him that doth fade
5 But doth suffer a sea change
Into something rich and strange.
Sea nymphs hourly ring his knell;
Ding-dong.
Hark! Now I hear them—ding-dong bell.

1. fathom (fath' em) n. length of six feet used to measure water depth.

- alliteration

turning into
something in
the sea.

knell (nel) n. funeral bell

sea nymphs
having a funeral
for him

William Shakespeare

(1564-1616)



Many people regard William Shakespeare as the greatest writer in the English language. He wrote thirty-seven plays, many of which are performed frequently today. They include *Romeo and Juliet*, *Hamlet*, and other classics. *The Tempest*, from which "Full Fathom Five" is taken, was among Shakespeare's last plays.

ONOMATOPOEIA

Eve Merriam

The rusty spigot

sputters,

utters

a splutter,

5 sputters a smattering of drops,
gashes wider;

slash,

splatters,

scatters,

10 spurts,

finally stops sputtering

and plash!

gushes rushes splashes

clear water dashes.

sputters (sput' ərz) v.
makes hissing or spitting
sounds

assonance -

Alliteration - s

Consonance -

short t
sound

sh is long sound
water coming out
faster

imitates water coming
slowly out of the
spout

only "sh" sound
water faster

Review and Assess

Thinking About the Selections

1. **Respond:** Which poem seemed more unusual to you? Explain your answer.
2. (a) **Recall:** Name two changes that the speaker describes happening to the father in "Full Fathom Five." (b) **Interpret:** Why do you think the poet calls these changes "rich and strange"? (c) **Generalize:** In one sentence, state what is happening to the father underwater.
3. (a) **Recall:** Describe the length of lines in "Onomatopoeia." (b) **Analyze:** How do the line lengths contribute to the effect of the poem on the reader?
4. (a) **Recall:** Name three verbs from "Onomatopoeia" that sound like falling water. (b) **Apply:** Brainstorm for three verbs not used in the poem that sound like falling water.
5. (a) **Recall:** How does each of the two poems involve water? (b) **Infer:** What happens in each poem? (c) **Support:** Name one similarity and one difference between the two poems.

Eve Merriam

(1916–1992)



Eve Merriam's fascination with words began at an early age. "I remember being enthralled by the sound of words," she said. This love, which led her to write poetry, fiction, nonfiction, and drama, is reflected in the poem "Onomatopoeia."

The Base Stealer

Poised between going on and back, pulled
Both ways taut like a tightrope-walker,
Fingertips pointing the opposites,
Now bouncing tiptoe like a dropped ball
Or a kid skipping rope, come on, come on,
Running a scattering of steps sidewise,
How he teeters, skitters, tingles, teases,
Taunts them, hovers like an ecstatic bird,
He's only firting, crowd him, crowd him,
Delicate, delicate, delicate, delicate—now!

— Robert Francis

simile → player like a dropped ball
ready to run
light on his feet

simile player is excited

player runs

alliteration + s
consonance

teasing the
defense

Simile - taut like a tightrope-walker
Player like a tightrope walker

scattering, steps, sidewise - alliteration
teeters, tingles, teases - consonance

The Wonder of Flight

The Celtics and Bulls match up head to head.
Everybody is standing up cheering, anxious
to see the end result.

One minute to go in the fourth quarter.

Passing, passing, what... Jordan steals the ball,
Sprinting down the court, dribbling from
the ball,

The tracks of smoke disappear into the faces
of millions.

No one can catch him, everyone stares, while
trapped in time.

Faced with the determination, the sweat is
pumping like waterfalls off his face.

Up, up, leaping, climbing stairs while he drives,

In goes the ball, DUNK, SWISHH - onomatopoeia

The building roars and shakes like an
earthquake,

Screams and praises, celebration as he scores.

Everybody should know the Wonder of Flight...

— Kara Nicole Dunn

hyperbole - Michael Jordan
moving fast.

simile - sweating a lot, playing
hard

onomatopoeia - fans yelling loudly lots of cheering

hyperbole
imagery

Diving

Climbing the ladder like a caterpillar climbing
a tree

diver is climbing slowly like the caterpillar
- simile

Shape poem

Fear is gathering up like dust in an attic

- simile - Fear is getting higher & higher

looks like a diving board

The board wobbles

an old bridge.

metaphor - diving board is really wobbly

I jump up

a frog after a fly.

- metaphor - diver jumps high like a frog

Pointing my body

like a needle.

simile - body is straight

The wind rushing

past is a hurricane.

metaphor - diver going quickly, wind gets stronger falling

Water glistens below.

Twisting and turning.

Bracing myself.

Splash! - Onon

Silent cheering

Alone and at peace

like a dolphin

- simile - the dive is over → happy

Fear is all gone.

Swimming back

Fear now returns.

— Matthew Garvey Snover