

SIMPLE POETRY ELEMENTS

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Alliteration - The repetition of the same beginning consonant sound.

From "She Walks in Beauty" by Lord Byron

She walks in beauty, like the night
Of cloudless climes and starry skies;
And all that 's best of dark and bright
Meet in her aspect and her eyes:

Rhyme - The repetition of the same word ending sound.

From "Rime of the Ancient Mariner" by Samuel Taylor Coleridge

In mist or cloud, on mast or shroud
Whiles all the night through fog-smoke white

Meter - How stressed and unstressed syllables are combine to form the rhythm in a poem. Listen for them and listen for a poet breaking rhythm to get your attention.

From "Stopping By Woods on a Snowy Evening" by Robert Frost

Whose WOODS these ARE I THINK I KNOW
His HOUSE is IN the VIL-lage THOUGH

Images- The pictures seen in your mind elicited by the words on the page.

"Fog" by Carl Sandburg

The fog comes
on little cat feet.

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

