

SNEAKY POEMS AND RIDDLE POEMS



Here is how to make a sneaky poem:

- Decide on the subject of your poem (this will become the last word of your poem)
- Think of a noun that is related to your subject (this will be the first word of your poem)
- List adjectives or adjectives and a noun that relate to the subject
- List two action words (probably participles-- which are ing verbs)
- Write a thought, phrase, or sentence about the subject
- Now it's time to write the subject of your poem

The effect should be that the poem's subject sneaked up on you, somewhat like a riddle. Here are a few samples:

A blanket
Of lumbering dried earth and moss
Rumbles, shakes the trees, gouges and claws
a century of rings
The heavy breath
Is the sound of winter's slow drumming
Grizzly
-*Madeleine Comora*

NB You see here, as usual, you can play around with the format a bit to make it your own.

Huge blanket
Blue and black
Covering and changing the world
Always there
Sky
-*Trina Priddy*

Sky creatures
Wings whistling in the wind
Of the night sky
Watching over us
Creating dreams
And with a twinkle in their eye
They create the stars
Dragons
-*Victoria Belser*

Spit drops
Trickling softly
Freckling the hot asphalt
People look skyward
toward the clouds
Storm's edge
Rain
-*Charlotte Bolch*

Someone once known
Invisible and secret
Connecting through dreams,
protecting others
Frightening yet comforting
Ghost
-*Lauren Gardner*

A circle of light
Pale yellow tinted orange
Blinding, determining the time of day
Sometimes invisible
Yet its presence lingers
Sun
-*Brittany Kemp*

Riddle poems are related. Here are a couple of samples:

Poem-Riddle 1 :

This thing all things devours:
Birds, trees, beasts, flowers;
Gnaws iron, bites steel;
Grinds hard stones to meal;
Slays kings, ruins town,
And beats high mountains down.

Answer: Time

Poem-Riddle 2 :

It cannot be seen, cannot be felt
Cannot be heard, cannot be smelt.
It lies behind stars and under hills,
And empty holes it fills.
It comes first and follows after,
Ends life, kills laughter.

Answer: Darkness

Suggestions for making sneaky poems: try to choose words that are synonyms, but make those synonyms interesting. They will probably not be in a dictionary or thesaurus. For example, chicken and hen are related words but chicken and squawker or chicken and egg-layer or chicken and Sunday dinner would make a more interesting poem. Try to build each line in the poem so it is more like a riddle than a definition.

<http://www.catb.org/esr/riddle-poems.html>

What is a Riddle Poem?

Answer

A riddle poem is a written poem that has a hidden subject or an agenda and a double meaning that one needs to read and interpret. A riddle poem needs concentration and careful thinking when reading it, so as to get the hidden meaning properly.