
First Place, Poetry, Grades 7-9

“Poetry,” Shira Hanovich

I don't understand how to write a poem.
How many lines should it have?
What is it supposed to look like?
Do I
Move down
A line
Every
Few
Words?
Am I supposed to rhyme
Each time
I add a line?
Am I supposed to
Count every syllable
For proper structure?
I should have some deeper meaning,
Shouldn't I?
Some higher understanding
Hidden between each line
Telling the reader how I truly feel.
That's what makes a poem,
Right?
Well.
I don't like hidden meanings and
I don't like awkward subtext and
I don't like talking about feelings and
I don't
Like
Poetry

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