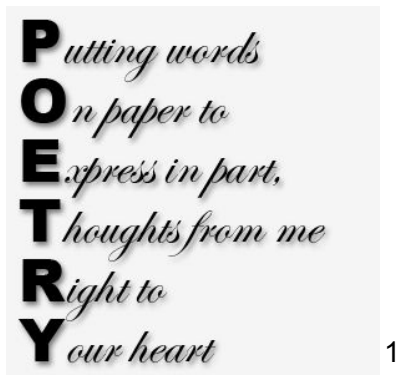


Poetry Interpretation: The Steps



1. Hear it /Read it again - Notice the title - pause
What does the title suggest? Guess what the poem will be about.
2. Mood - sad, creepy, happy...
3. Tone - serious, light, sarcastic... Who is the narrator?
an observer? The main character?
4. Words that stand out - make a list - underline/circle
5. What's the writer trying to get us to think about? =
theme
6. Poetic Devices hunt - these are clues to the theme

¹ <<http://www.rontranmer.com/wp-content/uploads/2011/07/poetry3.jpg>>