

ELEMENTS OF POETRY

Read the poem then answer the questions that follow in complete sentences.

Sticks

Let's throw sticks in the creek all day.
Let's not do the things we planned.
Let's watch sticks flitfloat away.
Everyone will understand.

Let's watch whirling water flow.
Let's toss our sticks in over here.
Let's feel breathing breezes blow.
The creek is quick and cold and clear.

Let's run across the bridge to see.
Where are our sticks? Where did they go?
One stick will win. Whose will it be?
Only the wind and current know.

Let's throw sticks in the creek all day.
Let's look down from high dry land.
Let's watch sticks flitfloat away.
Let's take turns winning, hand-in-hand.

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1. What is the title of the poem?
2. Who is the poet of this poem?
3. How many stanzas does this poem have?
4. What is the rhyming scheme of this poem?

5. Which stanza does NOT follow the same repetition pattern as the others?
6. What word or phrase in the poem gave the poem the element of repetition?
7. Which stanza in the poem has more than one verse with alliteration?
8. What figurative language is in line 3 in stanza 2?
9. What figurative language is in line 12?
10. What is the tone of the poem?
11. Select all the elements of poetry that gives this poem its rhythm.
12. When do you think this poem took place?
13. State the line in the poem that supports your answer.
14. What do you think is a creek?