

## Types of poetry

### Descriptive poetry

\_ Poems which describe people or experiences , scenes or objects.

#### William Shakespeare's " Winter"

1.

##### The General Meaning :

The poem describes the villagers' life in a rural setting during winter .

##### The Detailed Meaning :

The poet describes the ice that hangs down from the roof in a way to describe how cold the weather is. He is talking about a shepherd called Dick who is sitting outside suffering from the cold weather and he is trying to warm his hand. Another man called Tom is carrying the pieces of wood that he cut to store. He is working extremely hard in cutting the wood. Even the milk becomes frozen from the very cold weather. The blood in the veins of the people is also becomes frozen and all the roads are very dirty. Every night the owl is singing its song "Tu-whit, to-who". This is the song that the owl is singing every night. He found the song is very happy. He found it happy because it is the only sound he could hear at night in the winter. In the time that dirty Joan is keeling the pot, this is a pleasant image for John who is preparing the warm food in a cold winter. In other hand, Joan looks dirty because cleaning clothes is a very hard work in winter. It is a description for the loud sound of the wind, it is a sound imagery because in this line you can imagine that you are hearing the wind blows. The voice of the sick people in the church while they are coughing is very loud and annoying so he describes it as the sound of the saw and no one can hear the parsons talking. The birds are sitting sadly and not singing because of the snowy weather. The little girl Marian has a red and row nose because of the very cold weather and sickness. Heated green apples are making a hissing sound in the dish because of the cold weather.

**The poet's intention in this poem** is about the tough and extremely cold winter. It is descriptive poem for conditions that people went through in the cold winter in that time.

2. Shakespeare uses several illustrations to make use feel that the weather is cold .He uses words like "icicles, blows his nail , frozen , blood nipp'd ,foul , coughing , birds sit brooding , snow ,red and raw" to illustrate that the weather is very cold .

-The poet presents an implied contrast between the coldness of winter and the warmth of human life .

3.Repetition is used to emphasize the idea of the happiness of people in spite of the harshness of winter and to enrich the musicality of the poem .

4.It is a sound device " onomatopoeia " .

5. Assonance is found in " note , pot".