

# POETRY

SET 1

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Analyze the following poem. What do you notice? Label the different parts and features.

I was down by the lake  
With my favorite new pole  
And threw out one more cast  
Before I headed for home

As it's dragged 'cross the lake  
By a fish with a grin  
And not long after  
That's just what he did

Soon the mightiest tug  
Snagged on my line  
And I struggled to stand  
As the reel screamed and whined

And so lacking the money  
To buy a new pole  
I found a new hobby  
Writing fishy fish poems

I caught just one glimpse  
Of that cruel, scaly monster  
And I swear that he grinned  
As he yanked my pole into the water

My heart burned with rage  
It was vengeance I sought  
So week after week  
I returned to that spot

With a pole twice as strong  
So that fish would be caught  
With a line twice as strong  
That could be pulled twice as taught

And finally I saw him  
He was swimming so free  
And just like I'd thought  
He was grinning at me

And a fever came on me  
As I geared up my line  
And my mighty rod cast  
So that fish would be mine

But in seconds I knew  
How this familiar tale would end  
With my newest and best rod  
Flying out of my hands

# POETRY – QUESTIONS

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1. How many verses are in each stanza?
2. How many stanzas are in the poem?
3. In stanza 4, which words at the ends of lines rhyme?
4. What does the last stanza in the poem tell us about the speaker of the poem?
5. How are stanzas 3 and 9 significant to the speaker in the poem?
6. In stanzas 3 and 6, what does the speaker mean by saying that the fish grinned?