

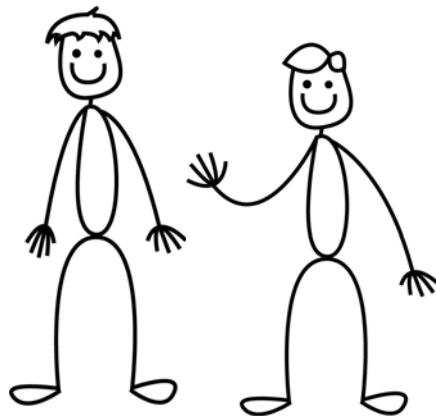
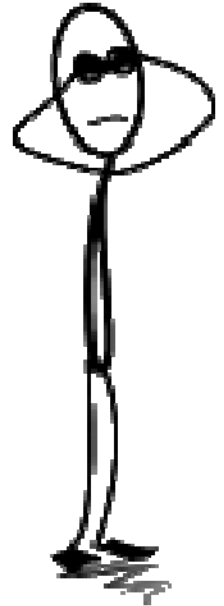
## **My Friend**

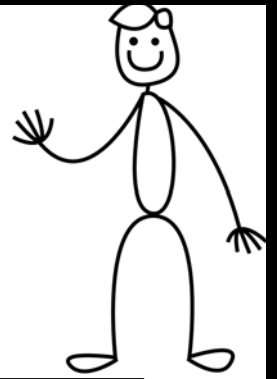
**DIRECTIONS:** Read the poem aloud. Answer the questions.

\_\_\_\_\_ Sometimes I feel all thin inside  
\_\_\_\_\_ Insufficient; small;  
\_\_\_\_\_ I feel when people look at me  
\_\_\_\_\_ They don't see me at all.

\_\_\_\_\_ I feel that all my beauty's lost  
\_\_\_\_\_ On cold, indifferent eyes  
\_\_\_\_\_ And offering what I want to give  
\_\_\_\_\_ Would only be unwise.

\_\_\_\_\_ But then a friend will greet me  
\_\_\_\_\_ and my inner life will bloom  
\_\_\_\_\_ It only takes but one kind word  
\_\_\_\_\_ To sweep away the gloom!





1. What is this poem about?

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2. What does “insufficient” mean?

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3. What does “indifferent” mean?

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4. Use letters to chart the rhyme scheme of the poem. Write each letter on a line.

4. How many stanzas are in the poem? \_\_\_\_\_

5. Find the rhyming pairs of words in each stanza. Write them here.

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