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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