

Original Poem Log # 1

*One log hides another, as one idea, one chore.
Many of these you'll provide, I trust.
Painful, tedious, insufferable, yet a must.*

Date 1 / 25 / 14

Title "Walrus" (Optional; add later? First Idea to Hit you?)

Context (*Required*). When/Where Written? Impetus/Catalyst/Source of Inspiration? Who or What?)

I wrote this poem as an assignment for English. There were no guidelines, and I just had to write a poem. I decided to write a poem using The Beatles' "I am the Walrus" as inspiration, borrowing the very first line of the song as the "thesis" of my poem. It is about humans all being together, and not letting minor differences cause distress and conflict. Erik Echeona helped me out a lot with this one by encouraging me and giving me advice. He is the one who honestly told me how my rough draft needed to be revised, and I am very thankful.

Meaning (*Required*). **This is more important than poem itself:** Immediate CM re: the process, the product, your satisfaction/dissatisfaction level.

- 1 What were you trying to accomplish with poem? Theme? One-word ? CM/20 Questions?
- 2 Initial impressions once completed ("...started off good, .lost it"; Satisfaction / Dissatisfaction with it? Other?)

The goal of this poem was to unite humanity and show humans as one race rather than many races/countries/ethnic groups. Everybody is human, and everybody deserves to be treated equally. No tyrant has the right to abuse his people, and no rich person has the right to bash on and make fun of poor people. Togetherness is important if we want peace and the ability to get along. Understanding we are all together can be hard, but must be accepted. The rough draft of this poem was very confusing and didn't make much sense, so I completely revised it, and I like the result. I am pretty satisfied with this poem, but I wish it were a little longer or even possibly more metaphorical than talking about the issue straight up.

Relevance / Allusions (optional): Connections? Personal experience [Micro]? Historical [Macro]? Lit allusions?

I think the people of Middle Passage could've gotten something out of this poem, and maybe encouraged them to do something about slavery or at least stop committing these terrible crimes against humanity. John Lennon was a peace activist, and I think the first line of "I am the Walrus" encompasses this greatly.

Form (optional): Anything you tried to do? Nothing? Diction? Poetry Terms? Symbolism? Why?

There is not much symbolism in this poem as I was very straightforward in its presentation. I talk to the reader as if I am with them, and I refer to all of humanity as first person pronouns like "we" and "us."

The Poem Itself (attached): (Rough Draft Perfectly Acceptable. Need not be a neat copy. Or you may attach draft work if

you desire to show something of process).

Walrus

I am he as you are he as you are me and we are all together.
An individual is nothing, for an individual cannot survive on its own.
We as a human race are what matters,
Differences cannot split us apart.

This poem is confusing like life is confusing.
We try to make sense of it, but it doesn't work.
We feel lost and lonely, but others experience it in the same way,
So are we really lonely? Or are we together as one?