

PV Log: (circle one) Poem / Movie / **Picture** / LyricDate 2/9/14Title EarthriseAuthor / Director / William Anders

Context (Where Found / Viewed / Read?)

I've seen this picture many times on various occasions, on the covers of books, on the news, etc

Content / CD / Summary / Precis (Say? "Plot? Setting/Situation? Key lines/phrases scenes, etc? )

Earthrise is one of the two most famous pictures of earth of all time. Earthrise is one of the earlier photographs of earth relative to the rest of human history. It is a picture of a little more than half of the earth that looks as if it is rising, just as the moon and sun look like they are rising on Earth. It is a flip from most pictures because Earthrise portrays the moon as big and Earth as tiny. It shows the earth as round, blue, cloudy, and beautiful.

Content / CM / Meaning? / Theme(s)?

The theme of this photo is smallness, yet beauty at the same time. The sight of our only home against a vast, purely black vacuum is poetic. It puts us into our place, yet it also lets us gaze upon the beauty of our home free from distractions. It helps us appreciate our earth more, and lets us realize how fragile it is. It also has a theme of arbitrariness, because there is no direction. North, south, east, and west are random and could be anywhere.

Form (Diction? Construction Terms? Symbolism?)

The black background to the phot represents nothingness. Unlike the Pale Blue Dot photograph, this photo makes earth the center of attention, and it stands out greatly as the only thing that matters. Also, the drabness of the moon's color makes earth pop out even more.

Commentary (What do you want to say? Why like? Questions? Synthesis / Allusions-Connections / Relevance to personal experience, to literature, 20Q's? etc.)? "Poetic" Traits?

I love this picture because it portrays the earth as a beautiful marble in the center of nothing rather than nothing in the center of everything like the Pale Blue Dot photograph does. It colors of the earth strike me as bold, daring, and beautiful as contrasted to the pitch black space behind it. Since the photo was taken from the moon, it makes me feel like an alien living on the moon strongly desires to go to the blue planet over there in the distance, or an astronaut realizing how much he misses his family after viewing the beauty of his true home.

