

PV Log: (circle one) Poem / Movie / Picture / LyricDate 9/20/13Title "One Train May Hide Another"Author / Director / Kenneth Koch

Context (Where Found / Viewed / Read?)

Found on poets.org, given to me by Mr. Shakely, Mr. Shakely's all time favorite poem, class assignment

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

The author saw a sign in Africa that said "One Train May Hide Another," and he found it very poetic. This poem is a long list of things that may hide another thing. This poem points out examples of things that hide other things that we see every single day living our daily lives. The poem shows that everything may not be as it seems, and we should be prepared for everything.

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

There are many themes in this poem such as deception. Things are not always as they seem, and one event could be a diversion or distraction for another event, usually more eventful than the first. We see this in our lives all the time. We get distracted by one thing, then all of a sudden a bigger problem comes upon us and we have no way to solve it.

Form (Diction? Construction Terms? Symbolism?)

For the most part, this poem is just line after line of examples and more examples. It is just sentence after sentence and there is no interesting structure to it. The title, "One Train May Hide Another," is huge metaphor by itself. The poem basically lists examples of the applications of this symbolism in our everyday lives.

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

The theme of this poem is deception and things not always being what they seem. Not everything is black and white. There is a gray area in between. Although this poem gives literal examples of one thing hiding another, we must also look at it in a figurative sense. There are deceptive things in our lives that are not always standing right in front of us. Sometimes, we see something that hides another thing, but that other thing will not confront us for some time.