

PV Log: (circle one) **Poem** / Movie / Picture / LyricDate 2/28/14Title "A Route of Evanescence"Author / Director / Emily Dickinson

Context (Where Found / Viewed / Read?)

Found on shmoop.com while searching for poems

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

Thanks to the letter that this poem was included in, we know that this poem is about the flight of a hummingbird. I don't know if I could ever interpret this poem if I didn't know that fact. Anyway, the poem is about the majestic and amazing flight of a hummingbird. It describes the speedy nature of the bird's wings, allowing it to hover in midair. It describes the vivid colors of the bird before talking about the flowers "turning their heads" when the hummingbird approaches, describing how even the flowers must see the beauty of the bird.

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

The theme of this poem is absolutely stunning beauty and mesmerization portrayed in nature. The speaker wants us to take a good look at the world around us and realize how beautiful it truly is. As humans, we take our earth for granted every single day of our lives. In the hustle and bustle of the day, we need to take a moment to stop, look around us, and admire the beautiful scenes of nature.

Form (Diction? Construction Terms? Symbolism?)

This poem is short and to the point. It is only 8 short lines long. It does not use complete sentences, rather it uses fragments and incomplete phrases to describe the beauty of the hummingbird. The wheel symbolizes the bird's rapid wing beats, and the flowers are personified and given the ability to turn their heads.

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

This poem was a major challenge. The first time I saw this poem, I didn't know what to think. First of all, I had to look up the definitions of half the words in it. After that, I had to figure out what the poem was even talking about. It was tough, but I like challenges, so I decided to write about this poem. Once I grasped the concept of the poem, I realized how great of a meaning it had and how relevant it is to our world today. In a world of consumption, we tend to take nature and our planet for granted. We ignore beautiful things like this hummingbird and destroy habitats. This poem encourages us to stop what we're doing and observe the natural world, which is something everybody in this age can benefit from.

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## A Route of Evanescence

A Route of Evanescence,  
With a revolving Wheel –  
A Resonance of Emerald  
A Rush of Cochineal –  
And every Blossom on the Bush  
Adjusts it's tumbled Head –  
The Mail from Tunis – probably,  
An easy Morning's Ride –