

POEM CHECKLIST

opening / title or untitled? / first lines

(sight) specific image detail / concrete particulars
proper names, place names
XXX generalities / "reality" words

(sound) vowel sounds / assonance
consonant sounds / alliteration
scansion / metrics

(sense) voice / persona / point of view
tone / accumulated texture / diction / word choice
syntax / phrasing

(placement
on page) line breakage / enjambement
left hand capitals
punctuation / stripped?

closure / suspension?

can poem be tightened? / articles / pronouns / prepositions

(proofread entire poem)

"The universal exists far, and shines through, the particular."

- Aristotle

"The art of literature, oral or written, is so to adjust the language that it embodies what it indicates."

- Alfred North Whitehead

