

A Poem to be Spoken Silently...

It was so silent that I heard
my thoughts rustle
like leaves in a paper bag . . .

It was so peaceful that I heard
the trees ease off
their coats of bark . . .

It was so still that I heard
the paving stones groan
as they muscled for space . . .

It was so silent that I heard
a page of this book
whisper to its neighbour,
'Look he's peering at us again . . .'

It was so still that I felt
a raindrop grin
as it tickled the window's pane . . .

It was so calm that I sensed
a smile crack the face
of a stranger . . .

It was quiet that I heard
the morning earth roll over
in its sleep and doze
for five minutes more . . .

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Your Task:

Use this poem and replace the underlined phrases with your own.

Share with your teacher!

Think about similes and metaphors you can use.

See the 2nd page for some help.

Similes

A simile is when two things are directly compared.

The words **AS** and **LIKE** are used to compare the two things,

e.g.

- As cold as a dog's nose.
- The clouds were fluffy like cotton wool.
- As slippery as an eel.
- The wind is like a voice whispering.

Metaphors

A metaphor *also* compares two things BUT it does so more directly **WITHOUT** using as and like,

e.g.

- The clouds are a ball of cotton wool.
- Tony is a tower of strength.
- The striker was a goal machine.
- Gold coins winked from the treasure chest.