

The explanation for my poem-

My poem is about an animal being abused by its owner. I choose to write my poem from the perspective of an animal. The type of poem I wrote is called a **Villanelle** poem. I choose to write this type of poem because I have never written something like this before, so it was a bit of a challenge.

FIRST STANZA:

Counting the days since your love disappeared.
I can't help the barking, I can't handle the kicks on my back.
And every breath I start to take, I fear.

The first and third lines are the lines with the most meaning behind them. Because of that, they are the repeated lines throughout the poem. I wanted to include the words "your love disappeared" to show that the owner has no more feelings for the dog in this poem. I also included "I can't help the barking, I can't handle the kicks on my back" to show that it was an animal (dog) being hurt in this poem and not a child. The line "every breath I start to take, I fear" to show that there is no strong relationship between this dog and person. The dog in my poem is afraid to even take a small breath without their owner hurting them.

SECOND STANZA:

Being locked away in a cage and hurt, I am afeared.
I'm sleepless at night because I can feel the cracks.
Counting the days since your love disappeared.

"Being locked away in a cage and hurt, I am afeared" is another way to explain that a dog is thinking these words while in deep fear. "I'm sleepless at night because I can feel the cracks" this dog can no longer sleep because of its pain it feels.

THIRD STANZA:

I'm drowning in your rain and it is very clear
The way you scream and shout at me, the more I lack.
And every breath I start to take, I fear.

"I'm drowning in your rain and it is very clear" the rain symbolizes as the person's anger that they are taking out on the dog. By this line "The way you scream and shout at me, the more I lack" the dog is no longer able to function because of the verbal and physical abuse it faces.

FOURTH STANZA:

I haven't eaten or drank in days and I start to shed a tear.
I can't help the whimpering, but I felt your whack.
Counting the days since your love disappeared.

The first line of this stanza "I haven't eaten or drank in days and I start to shed a tear" is the pain that is being expressed because of the lack of responsibility the owner is giving. The second line is to tell the audience through words the emotional and physical pain the dog is describing.

FIFTH STANZA:

You have been taking your frustrations out on me for a year.
With no one by my side, I'm suffocated and attacked.
And every breath I start to take, I fear.

The first line of this stanza is the time frame shared, about how long this has been going on for. "With no one by my side, I'm suffocated and attacked" this line shares that the dog is alone with no one to help him through this tough time. The dog is also sharing that he feels attacked and suffocated because of the way they are being handled.

LAST STANZA:

But I'm always here, chained away with nothing.

Sometimes I wish I could go back.

Counting the days since your love disappeared.

And every breath I start to take, I fear.

I decided to end my poem with the line "But I'm always here, chained away with nothing" to tell the audience that they are empty in response to how they are treated. The dog in my poem has hard feelings, the wish to go back to wherever their own got him from and maybe they will be happy again.