

## Discovering your voice through poetry – Guiding Questions

1. Who is the speaker?
2. What circumstances gave rise to the poem?
3. What situation is presented?
4. Who or what is the audience?
5. What is the tone?
6. What form, if any, does the poem take?
7. How is form related to content?
8. Is sound an important, active element of the poem?
9. Does the poem spring from an identifiable historical moment?
10. Does the poem speak from a specific culture?
11. Does the poem have its own vernacular?
12. Does the poem use imagery to achieve a particular effect?
13. What kind of figurative language, if any, does the poem use?
14. If the poem is a question, what is the answer?
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16. What does the title suggest?
17. Does the poem use unusual words or use words in an unusual way?