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If we had to define poetry, how would we do it? What we know is that it is a form of literature that is ancient in its nature and has undergone many changes and has evolved and been re-invented over time. But what exactly is poetry? According to one definition, 'Poetry is an imaginative awareness of experience expressed through meaning, sound, and rhythmic language choices so as to evoke an emotional response. Poetry has been known to employ meter and rhyme, but this is by no means necessary. The very nature of poetry as an authentic and individual mode of expression makes it nearly impossible to