

Fog

The fog comes
on little cat feet.
It sits looking
over harbour and city
on silent haunches
and then moves on.

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Glossary

on haunches: sitting with knees bent

Thinking about the Poem

- What does Sandburg think the fog is like?
 - How does the fog come?
 - What does 'it' in the third line refer to?
 - Does the poet actually say that the fog is like a cat? Find three things that tell us that the fog is like a cat.
- You know that a metaphor compares two things by transferring a feature of one thing to the other (See Unit 1).
 - Find metaphors for the following words and complete the table below. Also try to say how they are alike. The first is done for you.

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| Storm | tiger | pounces over the fields, growls |
| Train | | |
| Fire | | |
| School | | |
| Home | | |

- Think about a storm. Try to visualise the force of the storm, hear the sound of the storm, feel the power of the storm and the sudden calm that happens afterwards. Write a poem about the storm comparing it with an animal.
- Does this poem have a rhyme scheme? Poetry that does not have an obvious rhythm or rhyme is called 'free verse'.