

Anastasia Samoylova: FloodZone - Constructing A Lune Poem to Photographs

The Lune poem was created by the poet Robert Kelly. It is a three-line poem, with five syllables in the first line, three syllables in the second line and five syllables in the third line.

Constructing a Lune Poem – There are no other rules for constructing a lune poem other than the syllable rule. It may be helpful to think about the nouns, adjectives, and verbs in the photograph of your choice.

Photograph Title _____

Noun – A person, place, or thing

List the nouns in the photograph in the box below.

Nouns

Adjective – words that describe nouns

List the adjectives that describe the nouns in the photograph in the box below.

Adjectives

Verb - A word that describes an action

List the verbs in the photograph in the box below.

Verbs

Select two nouns, two adjectives, and two verbs from the boxes on the first page that capture your attention and put them in the boxes below. Count the syllables in each word.

Nouns	Adjectives	Verbs
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Kelly Lune Poem: Structure: 5 syllables, 3 syllables, 5 syllables. Each line below is a space for each syllable in the word.

5 syllables in the first line

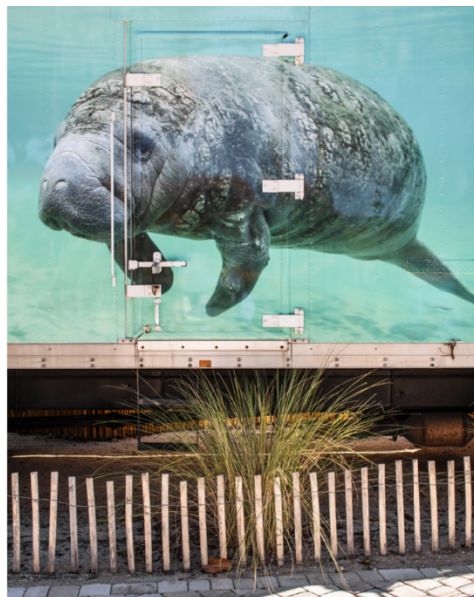
3 syllables in the second line

5 syllables in the third line

Use this space to experiment with the words for each line.

Example Lune Poems

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Anastasia Samoylova, Russian-American, b. 1984
Manatee Rescue Van, 2019
From FloodZone
Inkjet print Image: 40 × 32 in. (101.6 × 81.3 cm)
Frame: 41 3/4 × 33 3/4 in. (106 × 85.7 cm)
Loan from the artist

Lune Poem

Manatee Rescue Van, 2019

Solitary beast
Reticent
Serenely submerged

Lune Poem

Manatee Rescue Van, 2019

Lonely manatee
Staring out
Behind a clear door