

**Perspectives: Recent Gifts of Contemporary Art - 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.

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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



Andrew Moore, (American, born 1957)

War of 1812 Mural, Building 125, Governors Island, New York, 2003

Chromogenic print, 50 x 40 in. (127 x 101.6 cm.)

### **Lune Poem**

**War of 1812 Mural, Building 125, Governors Island, New York**

Above fraught movement

Below exit

To white surroundings