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The Shed

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Different Sheds

A shed is temporary structure built to shelter something. E.g. Animal -Shed, Tool -Shed, Wood -Shed.



Introduction

The poem "The Shed" is about the fear and the curiosity of a child about the Shed. The story(narrative poem) deals with the psychology of a child to think over the received information and his own resolve to enter into the shed.

It also shows playful rivalry between siblings.

Imagery

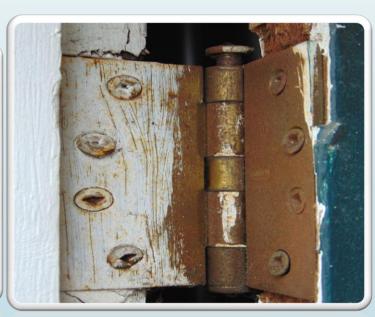
Image: An image is a mental picture formed by the use of words.

Stanza 1 – "There's a shed at the bottom of our garden
With a spider's web hanging across the door,
The hinges are rusty and creak in the wind...."

■ In the 1st stanza, the creaking of rusty hinges and spider's web creates an image of an abandoned Shed. These things appeal to the sense of sight. This is a visual imagery.







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- In the 2nd and 3rd stanza, the scary or the spooky atmosphere is evoked with the help of someone's staring, cracked window panes, rotten floorboards, ghost's action of the chopping of the head.
- Thus, the 'Shed' has become an haunted place. Children always think ,talk about such places. It can be an abandoned house, a Well, the dense forest, a big shady tree.









A child's Resolve

In the concluding part of the poem a child overcomes his/her fear and convinces himself/herself that ghosts are not there, no one stares at him/her, and the spider has gone.

His brother wants to keep that place for himself when at play. It is playful rivalry between siblings.

He/she seems determined to go into that Shed but not now, one day soon. But not just yet.....

Thanks.

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