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Summarizing a Stanza

Working with the group your teacher assigned, follow these steps to figure out the meaning of your stanza.

1. Read the stanza silently.
2. Have one member of the group read the stanza aloud.
3. If the stanza has any words you do not know, ask your group members for help. You might look in the glossary to see if the word is defined. If not, work together as a group to think about how context clues can help you infer the word's meaning.
4. Go through each of the stanza's four lines and talk about what they mean.
5. Once you agree on a meaning for each line, summarize those into the action of the stanza. Remember that in a summary, you should describe the most important things happening. You should not include every detail, but you should give readers a sense of the basic points of the section.
6. When you have agreed on a summary, type it here.

7. Pick one group representative to share the summary with the class when the teacher calls on your group.