

# Look Closely!

Douglas Florian's poem, "Skywatch," is a poem about observing the stars at night. You can write the same kind of poem about something you find interesting: the view out your window, a rainy day. The key to this kind of poem is observation, looking very closely at your subject: its colors, its shape, its smells, its motions, and finding wonderful words and phrases to describe each part.

**Directions:** Find an interesting subject that you can observe closely. On each of the lines below, write down words or phrases for each category. Use these words and phrases as the basis of your own observation poem. You might want to have a thesaurus handy.

**COLOR**

**SHAPE**

**TEXTURE**

**MOVEMENT**

## Write Now!

On a separate sheet of paper, use your notes above and your observation skills to write a poem like Douglas Florian's "Skywatch."