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# "Ode to Sadness" by Pablo Neruda

**Directions:** Ode poems praise or celebrate a person or event, but it can also bring focus to an idea. Pablo Neruda, a poet, created an ode to sadness, a powerful emotion. Read the poem below and answer the questions.

## adapted excerpt "Ode to Sadness"

Sadness, scarab  
with seven crippled feet,  
spiderweb egg,  
scramble-brained rat,  
a skeleton:  
No entry here.  
Don't come in.  
Go away.  
Go back  
south with your umbrella,  
go back  
north with your serpent's teeth.  
No.  
No entry.

1. Identify and list the words in this poem that tell us the author dislikes the feeling of sadness. Draw a picture that comes to mind when you think of the poet writing this poem.