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Concrete Poem: Worksheet

Directions: A concrete poem takes a shape. The shape is connected to the meaning of the poem. If you look at the poem from far away, you should see a shape. The title of this poem is “The Pillar of Fame” by Robert Herrick. It is an old poem! Read the poem and then explain what it means.

**Fame’s pillar here at last we set,
Out-during marble, brass or jet;
Charmed and enchanted so
As to withstand the blow
Of overthrow;
Nor shall the seas,
Or outrages
Of storms, o’erbear
What we uprear;
Tho’ kingdoms fall,
This pillar never shall
Decline or waste at all;
But stand for ever by his own
Firm and well-fixed foundation.**

What is a pillar? How does the message of the poem connect to the shape?

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