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POETRY: What is Repetition?

Repetition is the use of the same word, phrase, line, or stanza multiple times throughout a poem. It creates a pattern that is used for emphasis, for rhythm, and to set a certain mood or reinforce a certain idea.

Directions:

The poem below uses repetition. As you read it, pay attention to the word or phrase that is being repeated. Then, answer the two questions below.

*Rain, rain, painting dreams in the dark,
Rain, rain, leaving its sparkling mark.*

*Rain, rain, falling so soft and light,
Rain, rain, oh such a soothing sight.*

*Rain, rain, dancing on rooftops high,
Rain, rain, whispers a lullaby.*

*Rain, rain, kissing the earth below,
Rain, rain, making the rivers flow.*



1. What word or phrase is repeated in this poem?

2. How does the use of repetition affect the rhythm of this poem?