







## Questions

- 1. What zodiac year are we in right now? What is the number?
- 2. What zodiac year were you born in?





## While Reading

## Lyrical Poem:

- Strong emotions/feelings
- Song-like
- Short doesn't have to a story

## Questions

- 1. Have you ever said something mean and forgot about it, but the person you said it to remembered it?
- 2. Do you think your friends would remember something nice you said it them?



"The poet narrates how he once shot an arrow and sang a song, and it was not possible to locate their flight. Later, he found both in a perfect condition after a long time; the arrow in an oak tree and his song in the heart of his friends. Symbolically, the arrow may represent unkind or harsh words, whereas the song stands for kindness and pleasing words. Both went away from the speaker once released, and both stayed in the world around him, unbroken. Thus, the poem represents the permanence of joy in the form of a song and the impact of hatred in the form of an arrow."

"Joy, the impacts of hateful words and our actions constitute the major themes of the poem. The poet, very artistically, presents the life of mankind in this short poem. He says that whatever a person does or say never goes in vain. His words and actions possess the power to uplift, hurt and please. He explains that we put so many things in the world, which we think would never get back to us. Hence, we must use our words wisely.

https://shelby-poetry.weebly.com/favorite-poem-3-the-arrow-and-the-song.html



