

A misty mountain landscape with dense evergreen forests and a small cabin in the distance. The scene is shrouded in a thick, white fog that fills the valleys and clings to the slopes of the mountains. The trees are dark green and appear to be conifers. In the lower center, a small, dark-roofed cabin is visible through the mist. The overall atmosphere is serene and mysterious.

# Fog

## About the Poet

**Carl August Sandburg (1878-1967) was an American poet, writer and editor. He won three Pulitzer Prizes- two for his poetry and one for his biography of Abraham Lincoln. He wrote poems like grass, analysis, Chicago, etc.**



## **Introduction to the lesson**

**Fog is a very small poem written by Carl Sandburg. He has described the process of arrival of the fog into a city and the harbour. He has very beautifully compared it to a cat.**



## Summary of the Poem

The poet says that the fog which is generally seen during the winter season is coming towards the city and the harbour just like a cat. This means that it is approaching the city in a very silent manner so that no one can notice its arrival. He has compared its arrival to that of a cat because a cat always enters a place silently. Next he says that the fog has covered the whole of the city and harbour and it appears as if it is sitting by folding its legs and looking around just the way a cat does when it sits on the haunches and looks around. At the end, he describes the departure of the fog which very silently and unpredictably, again, similar to the departure of the cat, vanishes.

# Fog Poem and Explanation

**The fog comes**

**on little cat feet.**

**It sits looking**

**over harbour and city**

**on silent haunches**

**and then moves on.**



# **Fog Poem and Explanation**

**Fog: It is a thick cloud of tiny water droplets present in the atmosphere, especially in winter.**

**Harbour; Port, dock**

**on haunches: sitting with knees bent**



## **Fog Poem and Explanation**

**The poet is describing fog. Fog is a thick cloud of tiny water droplets present in the atmosphere. It is generally seen during the winter season. Here the poet describes the advancement of fog towards the city and the harbour. He says the fog comes like a cat comes on its little feet. This means the fog advances towards the city very slowly and calmly just like a cat. One never knows how and when the fog will enter the city. Therefore, fog is compared to the cat which enters our home in an unpredictable manner.**

## **Fog Poem and Explanation**

**Next he says that the fog sits over the whole of the city as a cat sits silently by folding her legs behind itself and looks around the nearby places and things. Similarly, it seems that the fog silently covers the whole of the city and the harbour and is sitting over them looking around like a cat. After a while the fog leaves the city and moves on. The poet says so because it is a natural phenomenon that fog does not stay at a place for long and leaves the place after a few hours. So, here also the poet says that just like a cat, the fog leaves the place very silently without being noticed by anyone.**



# Fog Poem and Explanation

**Literary devices:**

**Metaphor:** Fog is compared to cat (On little cat feet)

**Rhyme scheme:** There is no rhyme scheme followed. Poem is in free verse

**Enjambment:** When a sentence continues to next line (It sits looking..... then moves on)

**Personification:** fog has been personified – Fog comes, it sits

**THANK YOU**