

POEM

Read the poem, "Poem". Do the following questions:

1. What point is the author making?
2. What do you notice about this poem?
3. What makes it effective?

Poem *By Diane Singer*

That plastic coat couldn't keep out much of the cold
She was shivering as she walked.
To each step went a cacophony of brittle bones.
rattling and tumbling in the waxy skin
Blue veins showing age
Blue hands showing wear
Blue eyes showing pain.
Red lids; the only natural colour about her.
All the world in a paper bag, clutched tightly,
with a weathered family photograph sliding through
a rip.
I was late; I didn't have time
To stop and tell her her picture was in the snow.