

Fog

Summary of the Poem The Fog

Animals by Carl Sandburg

Complete Stanza

*The fog comes
on little cat feet.
It sits looking
over harbour and city
on silent haunches
and then moves on.*

This short poem is an expression of the view of fog. For the poet, fog is not just a natural phenomenon, It is rather a creature. Fog has been compared with a cat as the way fog comes, is very similar to the ways of a cat. As a cat walks silently on its small feet, the fog also comes in the same manner, as if trying to avoid any attention. Fog's presence over and around a city seems as if a cat is sitting silently on its haunches and looking over the harbour and the city. Finally, when fog leaves a city, it looks like a cat's slow and silent steps moving on from a place.