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# Poets Bear Witness

## Part 1

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Emmett Till

by James Emanuel

I hear a whistling  
Through the water.  
Little Emmett  
Won't be still.  
He keeps floating  
Round the darkness,  
Edging through  
The silent chill.  
Tell me, please,  
That bedtime story  
Of the fairy  
River Boy  
Who swims forever,  
Deep in treasures,  
Necklaced in  
A coral toy.



Turn and talk with your partner:

What emotions does this poem express?

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Underline the words in the poem that express these emotions.

## Poets Bear Witness Part 1, continued



What makes "Emmett Till" a poem?

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