



Comparing poems

Read these two poems aloud, listening to the rhythm and the sounds.

1

I Am the Rain

I am the rain
I like to play games
like sometimes
I pretend
I'm going
to fall
Miss that's the rain
I don't come at all
Like sometimes
I get those laughing ripples
up my sides
rushing people in
and out
with the clothesline
I just love drip
dropping
down collars
and spines
Maybe it's a shame
but it's the only way
I get some love

Grace Nichols

2

Me

Tall and blue
me and open

No open my arms have room
for all the world
for my and moon
for birds and stars

Yes how I wish I had the chance
to come drifting down to earth –
a simple feet about
covering some little girl or boy
just for a night
but I am sky
that's why

Grace Nichols



Can you find some pairs of **slant rhymes** in these poems? List them below.
Remember: slant rhymes are words that nearly rhyme. For example: purple, wreck, back.

Poem 1 _____

Poem 2 _____

Read the poems again, listening to the **beat** and the **rhythm**. Are they the same in both poems?

Can you find any repeated **vowel sounds** in the poems? If so, write them below.
Remember: The letters a, e, i, o, and u are vowels. The letter y is sometimes also a vowel.

Poem 1 _____

Poem 2 _____