

# Writing Theme of a story or poem

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# What is theme?

- Theme is the central idea of a literary text
- Theme is not what happens in the text but what those happenings or images imply
- Theme is actually the idea that lies beneath the surface of the poem

# Theme of Blow Blow Thou Winter wind

The main theme of this song is man's inhumanity towards other fellow beings. Man is so ungrateful and selfish that he doesn't care for those who were his close to friendship. He doesn't remember them once his purpose is served. Winter is harsh but the harshness of winter wind is not as bitter as man's ingratitude to man

# Image of Blow Blow Thou Winter Wind



## Tone

To a certain extent I'm going to have to leave this to you. It depends how you interpret it: is he bitter and then deeply sarcastic or is this someone who is carrying resentment, but trying to look at things positively?

## Themes

As above, this is about the power of human relationships and the bitterness of betrayal. We've also obviously got the theme of nature being used to convey a message about human emotions and the impact of sour relations/friendship.

## **Blow, blow, thou winter wind**

*Blow, blow, thou winter wind,  
Thou art not so unkind  
As a man's ingratitude;  
Thy tooth is not so keen,  
Because thou art not seen,  
Although thy breath be rude.*

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*Heigh-ho, sing heigh-ho, unto the green holly;  
Most friendship is feigning, most loving mere folly.  
Then heigh-ho, the holly,  
This life is most jolly!*

*Freeze, freeze, thou bitter sky,  
That dost not bite so nigh  
As benefits forgot:  
Though thou the waters warp,  
Thy sting is not so sharp  
As friend remembered not.*

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**William Shakespeare (1564-1616)**

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# Thank You!

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