

Poem VI:

Mujeres del Rebozo Rojo

Exercise VI.2:

“Mujeres del Rebozo Rojo” begins by asking the question “Who are we?” The same question is asked again in the beginning of the second stanza. At the end of the poem, the same words are reversed to make a statement about “who we really are.” Poets often use this kind of word play to end a poem because it “feels” final in some way. Can you think of another poem that works this way?

Write a poem that asks a specific question, and then answers it, using similar language in both the question and the final answer.

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