



MYSTERY OF THE TALKING FAN

by Maude Rubin

SUMMARY

The poem 'Mystery of the Talking fan' by Maude Rubin talks about a fan that made chatter like noise. The sound of the chatter was mysterious to the speaker as she wasn't able to comprehend it.

Explanation of the Poem

Once there was a talking fan
Electrical his chatter.
I couldn't quite hear what he said
And I hope it doesn't matter
Because one day somebody oiled
His little whirling motor
And all the mystery was spoiled -
He ran as still as water.

Explanation: The poem begins with the introduction of the 'talking fan' which is an electrical fan. The poet describes the fan as noisy as it creates a chattering sound. It always seems to the poet that the fan was trying to convey something. Unfortunately, the poet could not understand what it was trying to say and hoped that it was not something serious. The poet wanted to know what the talking fan was saying. However, her desire remains unfulfilled. Before she could communicate with the talking fan, somebody oiled the motor of the fan. The talking fan was no longer creaking and worked as smoothly and noiselessly as water.

Word - Meaning

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Chatter	Talk, meaningless talk
Whirling	To rotate
Spoiled	ruined

