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Key words – Possible Thematic topics:

1. Descend-

* to pass in discussion from what is logically prior or more comprehensive
* to swoop or pounce down (as in a sudden attack)
* to **appear suddenly** **and often disconcertingly** as if from above <reporters *descended* on the candidate>
* to proceed in a sequence or gradation from higher to lower or from more remote to nearer or more recent

The first definition is the one that I find most supportable by the text, however the others have some interesting ideas that I feel vaguely tie in with the general idea of the poem.

1. Arrest-

* to bring to a stop <sickness *arrested* his activities>
* to make inactive <an *arrested* tumor>
* to catch suddenly and engagingly <*arrest* attention>

1. Faithful-

* steadfast in affection or allegiance **:** [loyal](http://www.merriam-webster.com/dictionary/loyal)
* firm in adherence to promises or in observance of duty **:** [conscientious](http://www.merriam-webster.com/dictionary/conscientious)
* true to the facts, to a standard, or to an original <a *faithful* copy>

1. Sublimity-

* to cause to pass directly from the solid to the vapor state and condense back to solid form
* to elevate or [exalt](http://www.merriam-webster.com/dictionary/exalt) especially in dignity or honor (2) **:** to [render](http://www.merriam-webster.com/dictionary/render%5B1%5D) finer
* to convert (something inferior) into something of higher worth

1. Proof-

* the cogency of evidence that compels acceptance by the mind of a truth or a fact

1. Dumb-

* lacking some usual attribute or accompaniment; *especially* **:** having no means of self-propulsion <a *dumb* barge>

1. Beautiful-

* the quality or aggregate of qualities in a person or thing that gives pleasure to the senses or pleasurably exalts the mind or spirit **:** [loveliness](http://www.merriam-webster.com/dictionary/loveliness)

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1. Minister-

* the superior of one of several religious orders

1. Novice-

* a person admitted to [probationary](http://www.merriam-webster.com/dictionary/probation) (trial) membership in a religious community

1. Insatiate-

* incapable of being satisfied

1. Furnish-

* to provide with what is needed; *especially* **:** to equip with [furniture](http://www.merriam-webster.com/dictionary/furniture)