**ACTIVITY ON WORD CHOICES IN POETRY**

**DIRECTIONS: Word choices in poems communicate not only meaning, but also TONE and MOOD. Read the following poem, which as written communicates a tone of relief and happiness after a time of trouble. Use the space above each line to replace each underlined word with a word that produces a different tone. The first line has been done to show you an example.**

*snowed icy pellets*

**EXAMPLE:** It rained today in buckets

**Earth Tone**

by [William Dotani](http://bigduckfeet.gather.com/)

It rained today in buckets

The sky so gloomy and gray

I sang melodies alone

To the rhythm of the rain

For when the rain stopped falling

Peaks of sunshine made me smile

That was earth at Heaven's door

Washing away all my sadness