

The Bed Book

by Sylvia Plath

Beds come in all sizes –
Single or double,
Cat-size or cradle,
King-size or trundle.

Most Beds are Bed
For sleeping or resting,
But the *best* Beds are much
More interesting!

Not just a white little
Tucked-in-tight little
Nighty-night little
Turn-out-the-light little
Bed -

Instead
A Bed for Fishing,
A Bed for Cats,
A Bed for a Troupe of Acrobats.

The *right* sort of Bed
(If you see what I mean)
Is a Bed that might
Be a submarine.

Nosing through water
Clear and green,
Silver and glittery
As a sardine

Or a Jet-Propelled Bed
For visiting Mars
With mosquito nets
For the shooting stars...

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Performing Poetry Perfectly

A Perfect Poetry Performance will include:

- **Clear Speaking**

Make each word clear and loud enough so everyone can hear you.

- **Emphasis**

Specific words need to be heard.

- **Eye contact**

Look at the audience; it will help them to hear you.

- **Enjoyment**

Smile and show the audience you like performing the poem.

- **Actions**

Use your hands to add movement to the poem.