



Feel the Beat

based on *No Gift for Man*
by Carolee Dean



Directions: Read the lines of poetry below.

1. Underline each stressed beat following the pattern in the first line.
2. Read this segment of the poem and exaggerate the stressed words by saying them longer, louder, and with a slightly higher pitch.
3. Read the lines of poetry again, but this time in your normal voice.

Can you still feel the beat?

If not, try reading the poem like a robot with every word getting the same stress. Then read the poem again with stress.

Excerpt from *No Gift for Man* (Set 1, Book 1 – The HOT ROD series)

A gift for the dog.

A gift for the cat.

A gift for the hog.

A gift for the rat.

The frog got a hop.

The bass got a fin.

The bat can drop.

The drill can grin.

The fox can hunt.

The pug can smell.

The pig got a grunt.

The crab got a shell.