

Narrator-the person telling the story (The narrator is not always the author.)

Theme-the message that author is trying to get across.

I SEE YOU

You make strange noises
OR You laugh at things
That are not funny
OR Maybe you FART
LOUD and SMELLY

Because your voice has
Been silenced
By 9, 10, or 11 years
Of the Public School Prison

And for some reason
You've gotten into your head
That you cannot be successful
That you'll always be the one
Laughing, Throwing, Farting

And you think that
Laughing, Throwing, Farting
Is the only way that you can be
HEARD

BUT
I see you; I hear you
I see a Doctor, Lawyer
Teacher, Preacher,
Policeman, Fireman,
Husband, Father
Mother, Wife

I see You!
I hear You!

This poem is about:

Who is the narrator?

To whom is this poem addressed? (Who is the narrator talking to?)

How does the narrator feel about the people to whom he/she is talking?

What is the theme of this poem? (The theme is the message that the author is trying to get across.)

In second stanza, when the narrator says "Public School Prison", what is he/she really talking about? Why does he/she use the term prison?

Explain the fifth stanza.

In the last two lines of the poem, the narrator says, "I see you, I hear". What does he/she mean?