

<h2 style="text-align: center;">Riding the A</h2> <p style="text-align: center;">by <u>May Swenson</u></p>	<h2 style="text-align: center;">Suggestions</h2>
<p>I ride the "A" train and feel like a ball- bearing in a roller skate. I have on a gray rain- coat. The hollow of the car is gray. My face a negative in the slate window, I sit in a lit corridor that races through a dark one. Strok- ing steel, what a smooth rasp—it feels like the newest of knives slicing along a long black crusty loaf from West 4th to 168th. Wheels and rails in their prime collide, make love in a glide of slickness and friction. It is an elation I wish to pro- long. The station is reached too soon.</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Write a poem about traveling.</li> <li>2. Try to make the poem on the page look like how it <i>feels</i> to travel.</li> <li>3. What are you traveling in?</li> <li>4. What are you wearing?</li> <li>5. What do the surroundings look like? Can you include any colors?</li> <li>6. Where are you?</li> <li>7. What do you hear? Compare the sound to something else.</li> <li>8. Create a metaphor to describe the movement of what you are riding in.</li> </ol>