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A Poet

“What’s the source of verses?

What constitutes their phrasing?

What do verses depend upon?

What underlies verses?”

“Metre is the source of verses.

Syllables constitute their phrasing.

Verses depend on names.

A poet underlies verses.”