

Ideas

To the tune: *She'll be Comin' Around the Mountain*
by Mrs. Stelle

Can you tell me what makes up a good idea?

Can you tell me what defines a good idea?

A single topic, clear and focused,
with fresh insights that provoke us,
anecdotes "though not required"
can cinch the deal.

If your story is a bore or moves too slow,
if it wanders off the topic it's a "NO",
you must answer readers' questions
using details and suggestions
all while telling us what
we don't already know.

If you want for your ideas to score a four,
then you'll have to spin a yarn that gives us more,
than just a list of things you did once
that impressed the other kids once--
we've all read a thousand papers
before yours!

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