

Literary Analysis

TONE IN SATIRE

Satire is a literary form in which flaws in human behavior or social institutions are ridiculed in order to promote social change. The writer’s **tone**, or attitude toward a subject, is a critical element of any satire. The tone of a satire might be playful and amusing, or it could be biting and harsh. A variety of elements can contribute to the tone, including choice of words, specific details, repetition, and sarcasm. In this poem, even the punctuation and capitalization contribute to the satirical tone.

Directions: Complete this chart to analyze the tone of this poem. Record an example of each element and tell how it contributes to the tone. Then describe the overall tone of the poem.

Element	Example	How It Contributes to the Tone of the Poem
Choice of Words		
Specific Details		
Repetition		
Irony and Sarcasm		
Punctuation and Capitalization		
Tone of the Poem		