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# FIRST WORD

## The Haunted Poem

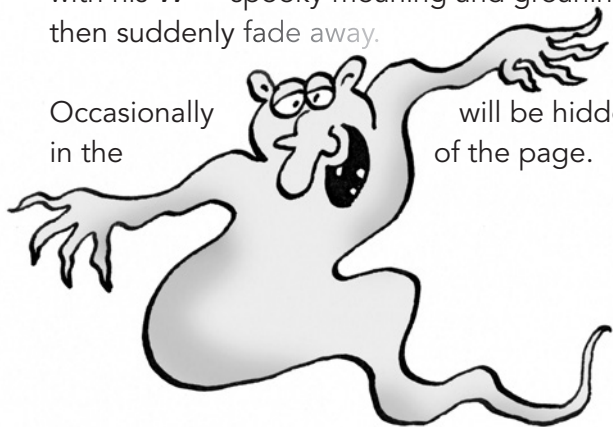
This poem is haunted by a ghost.  
No one has ever seen him  
but every single person who reads this poem  
will be left in no doubt of his existence.

Sometimes he changes the order of words the,  
mixes the lett wfsahj4el8r7fn666 pu  
or even makes them

You'll be halfway through the *BOO!*  
verse and he'll interrupt and make you jump.

Whole sections are *WOOHOOOO* filled  
with his *WOO* spooky moaning and groaning  
then suddenly fade away.

Occasionally  
in the  
will be hidden  
of the page.



At any time he may frighten you  
or add rude words when you're not bum  
expecting it  
so that when knickerscheesytoes you read them  
you blush and go bright **GOTCHA!** red.

**HAHAHAHA AAA!**

His laughter will echo in your brain

**HAHAHAHA AAA!**

and ring constantly ring constantly ring ring  
constantly

**HAHAHAHA AAA!**

in your ears

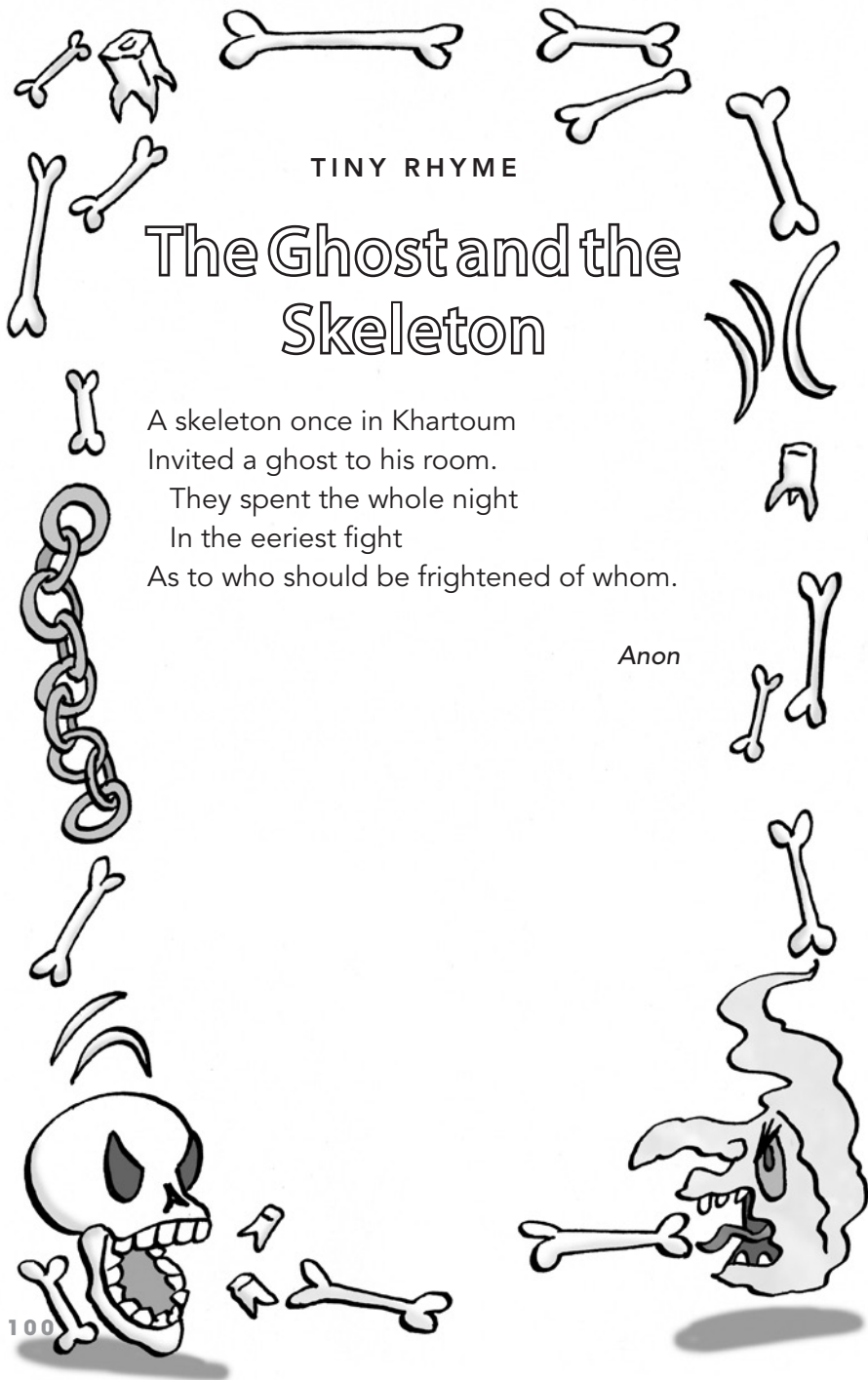
**HAHAHAHA AAA!**



Even now he is watching your every move  
as you read the haunted poem...  
every twitch, every blink, every sigh, every  
glance,  
so that just when you think you've read the last  
word  
and the poem is over he leaves a ghostly  
message,  
just for you...

**WATCH OUT BEHIND YOU...**

*Paul Cookson*



TINY RHYME

# The Ghost and the Skeleton

A skeleton once in Khartoum  
Invited a ghost to his room.  
They spent the whole night  
In the eeriest fight  
As to who should be frightened of whom.

Anon