



Hedgehog poems

Writing a hedgehog poem



Writing about hedgehogs



A close-up photograph of a hedgehog in a field of green grass and yellow flowers. The hedgehog is facing right, with its head and front legs visible. Its quills are dark and spiky. The background is blurred, showing more yellow flowers and green foliage. An orange rectangular bar is located in the top left corner of the image.

Start by planning what you want to write about.

You might want to think about it on your own or talk to someone else to get ideas.

Perhaps if you look at photos of hedgehogs you can think of some words to describe them.



These words might help you
make a start:

prickly

spiny

inquisitive


nosey

bright-eyed

Now it's your turn.


Which words can you add to
the list?





Now you have some words,
think about what might
happen to the hedgehog in
your poem. It is better if you
can tell a story with your
poem.





Here are some photos that
might help with your ideas

These are two orphans.

Where were they found?

How were they were saved?

Who looked after them?

What happened to them?



This hedgehog has a broken leg.

How did it break its leg?

Who wrapped a bandage around its leg?

When will it get better?

What will the hedgehog do next?



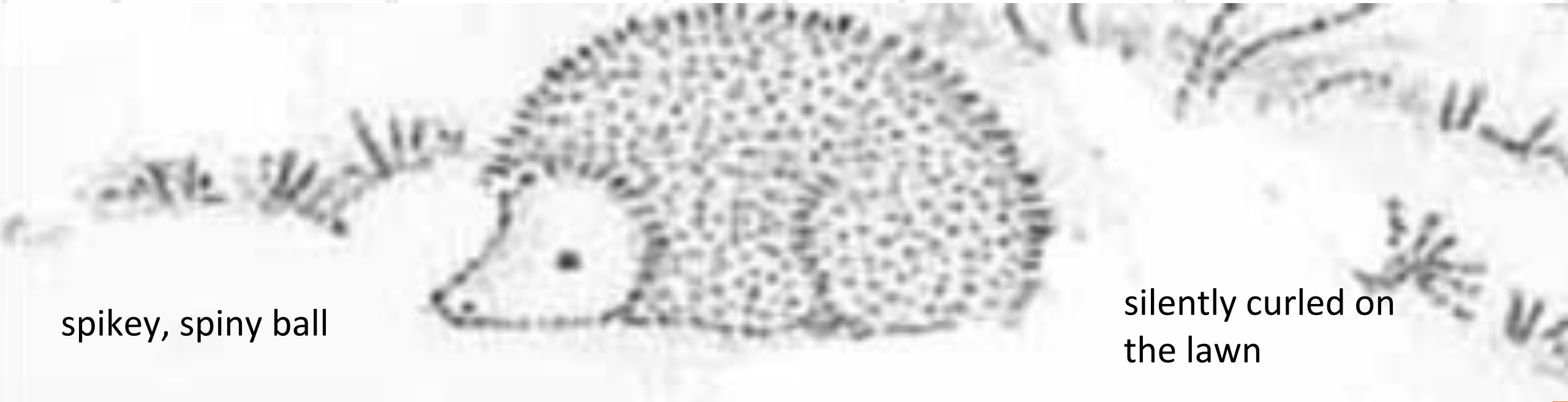
You may want to start by drawing your ideas and adding some words for each picture.....

snuffling through undergrowth

a secret life

spikey, spiny ball

silently curled on
the lawn





Start to put your ideas together
into short verses and sentences
which tell the story of your
poem.

There are some ideas on the
next page.

The familiar shuffle, snap and snort
can be heard, in your garden.

Snout held high,
sniffing the air so slow?

He is simply there to feast
on all those wriggly, slippery, crunchy beasts

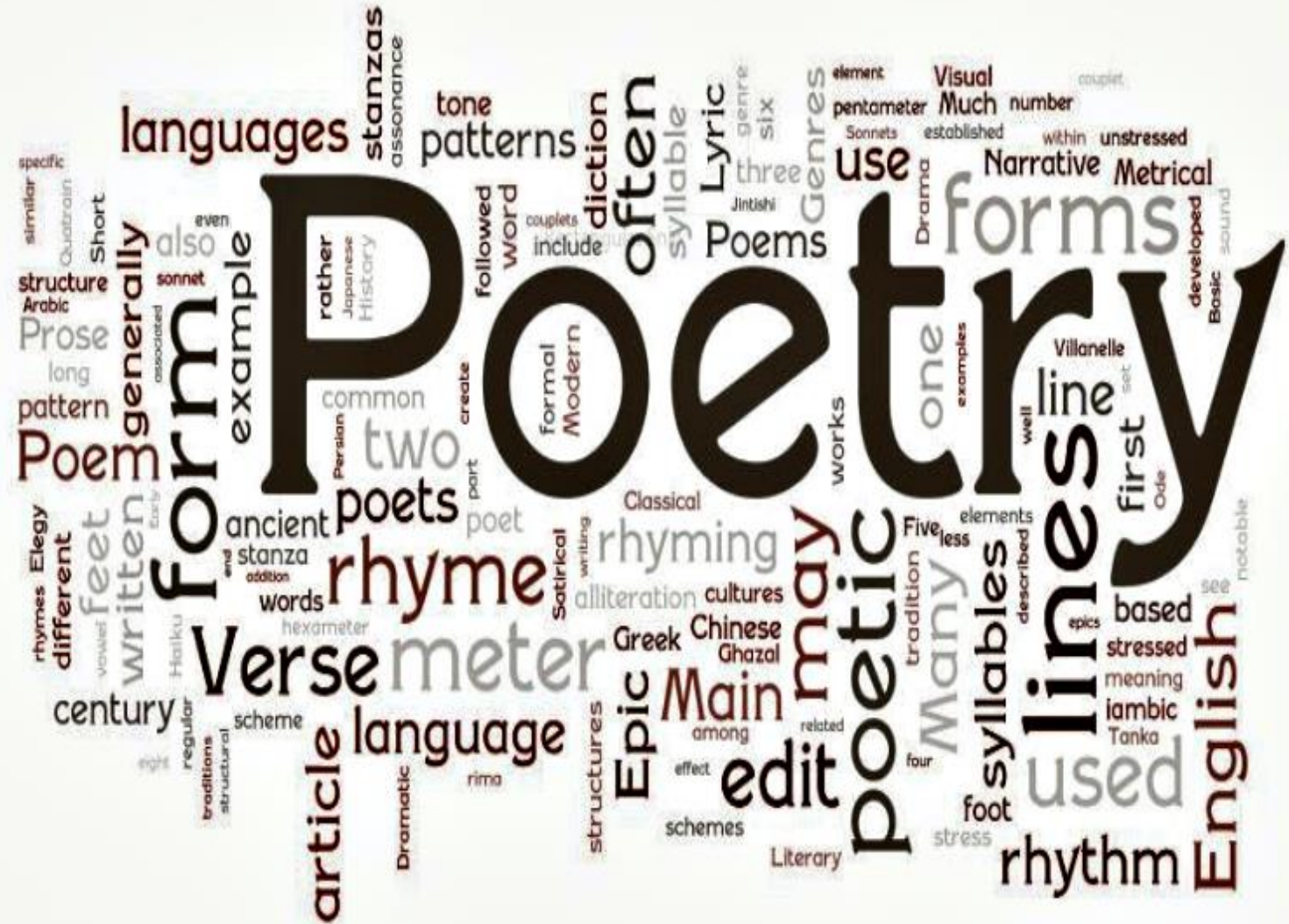


Examples of poems

Another good way to get ideas is to read other poems.

Try reading:

- The Worm Sonnet by Michael Baldwin

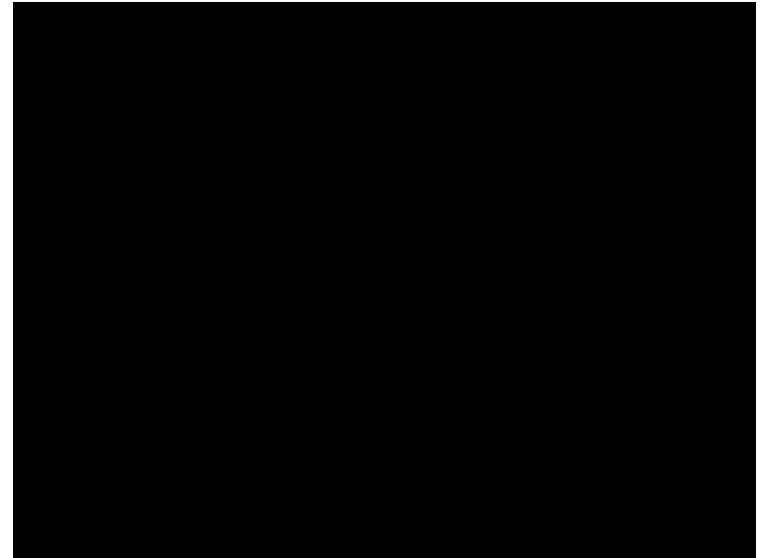


Poems by famous authors

Furry Bear




The Walrus and the Carpenter

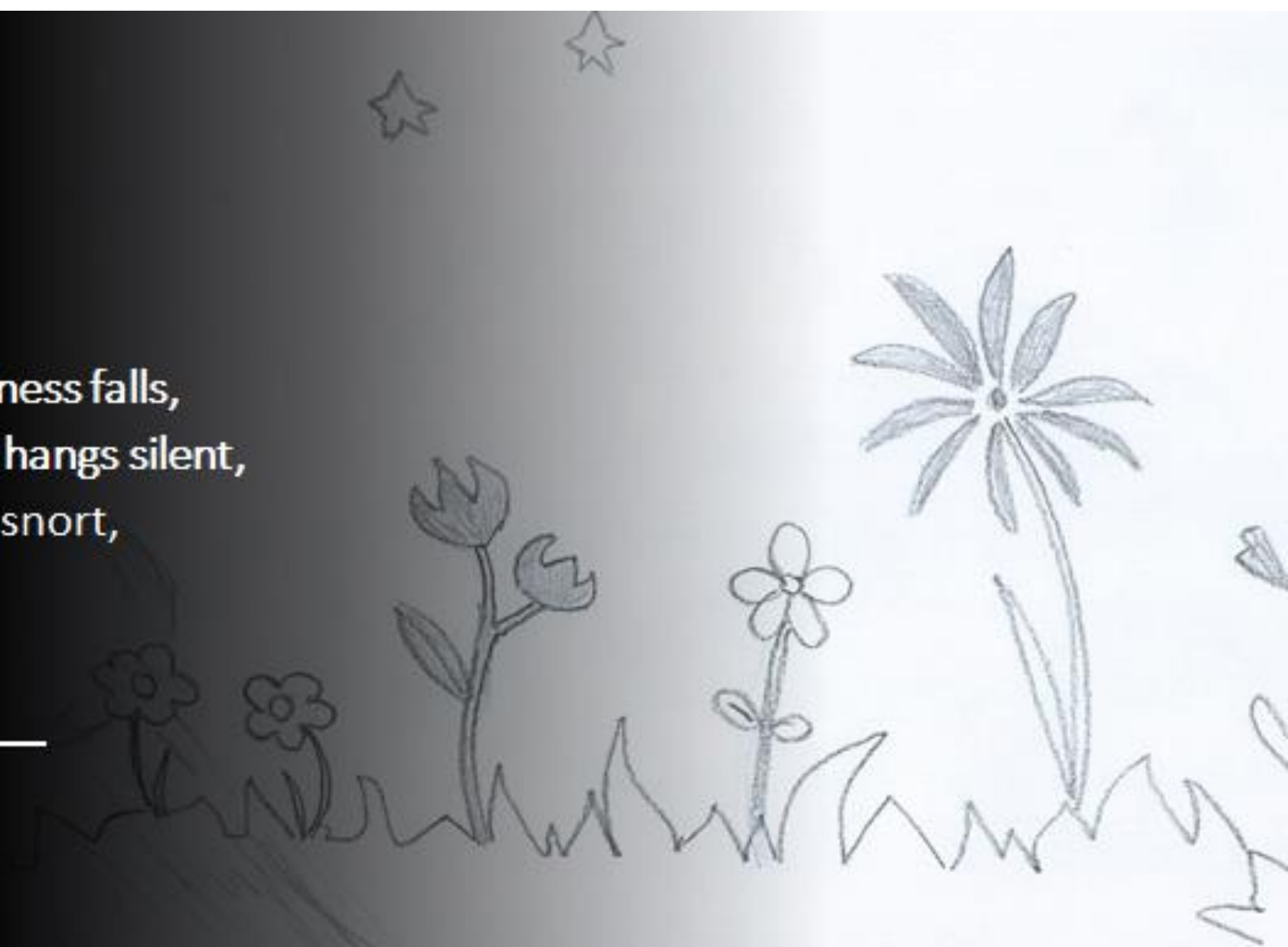




**The next few slides show a poem by Suffolk Prickles.
See what you think.
Perhaps it will give you some ideas for your own poem.**



For thousands of years as darkness falls,
And the eerie stillness of night hangs silent,
The familiar shuffle, snap and snort,
can be heard, in your garden.

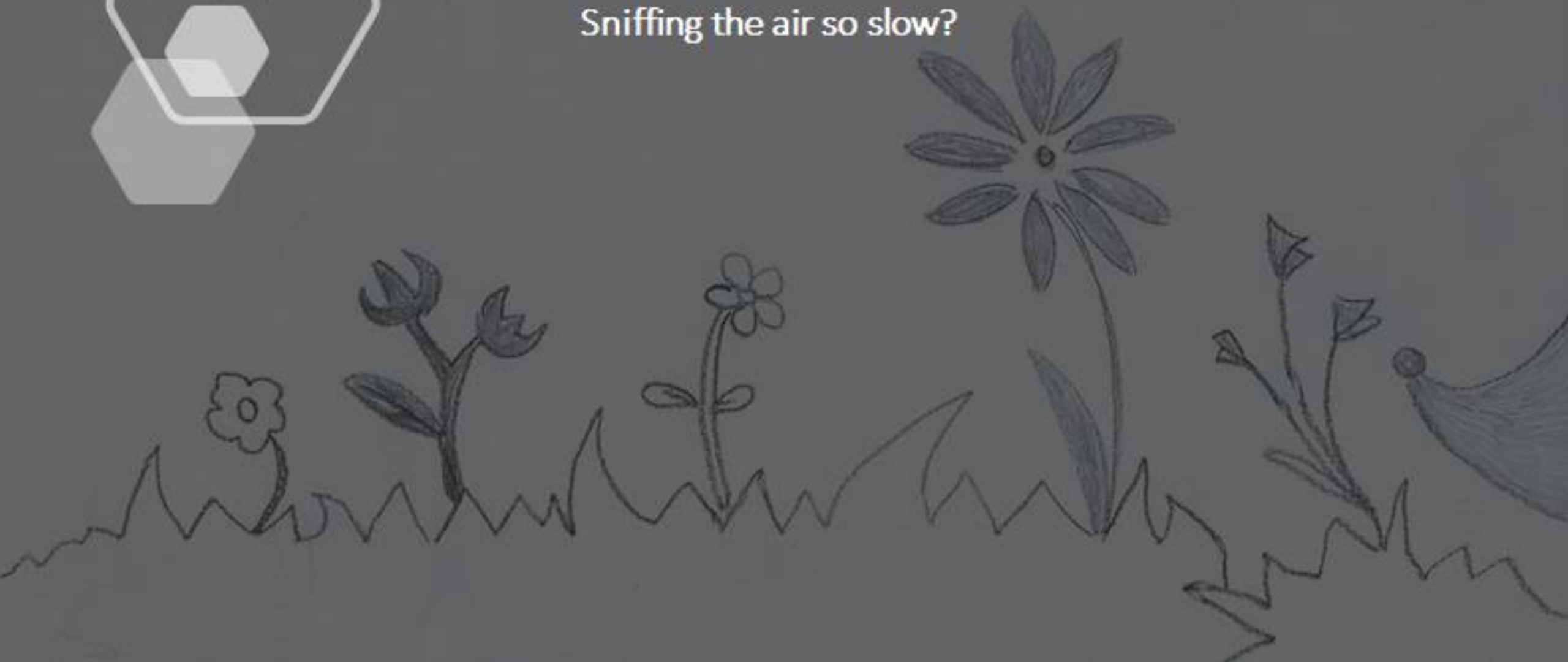


What creature is this that
hugs close to the wall,
And under the bushes so
low?



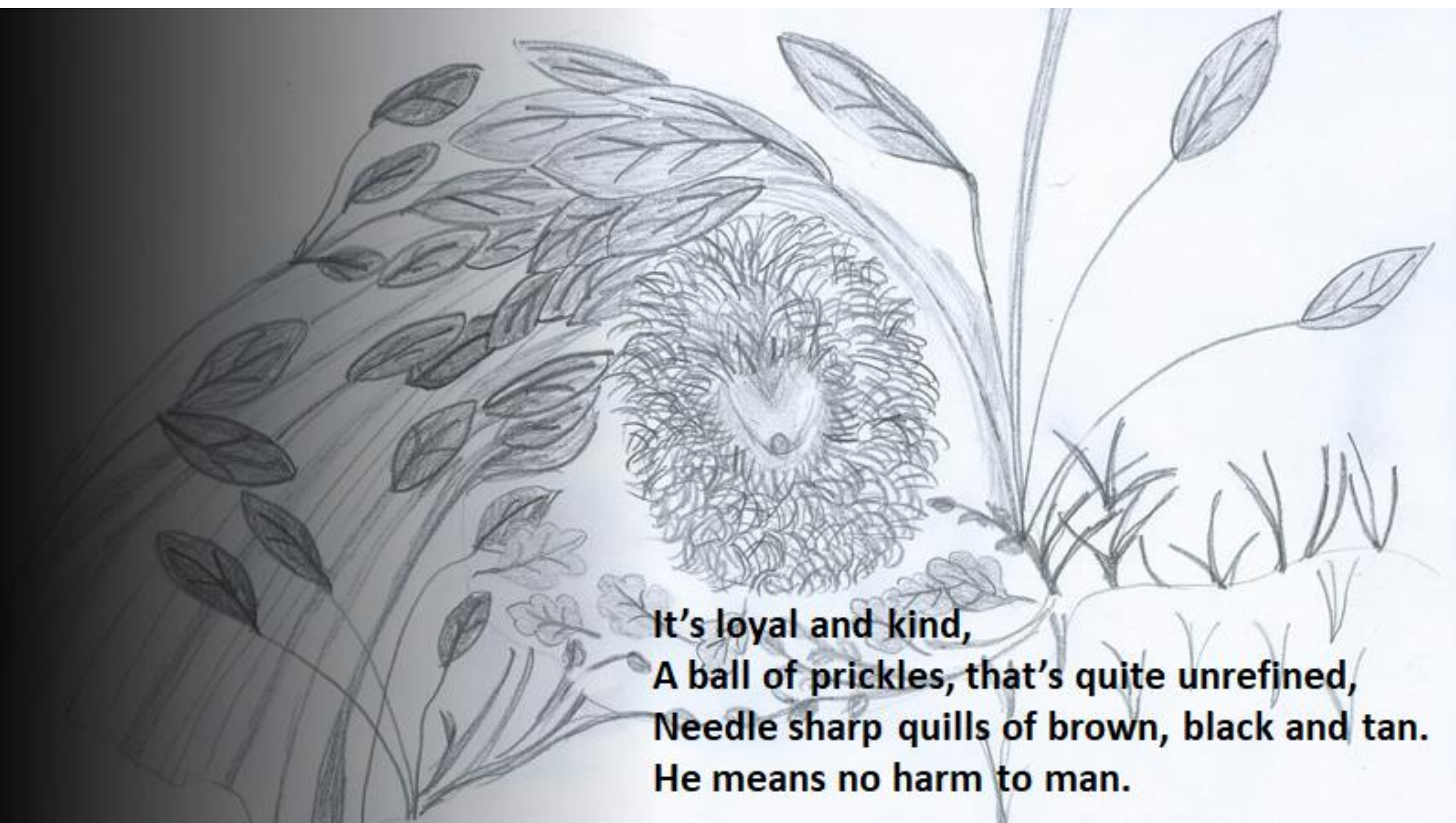


Trundling amongst long grass and leaves.
Snout held high.
Sniffing the air so slow?



Ah...I hear you retort.
We know this creature so fair,





**It's loyal and kind,
A ball of prickles, that's quite unrefined,
Needle sharp quills of brown, black and tan.
He means no harm to man.**



He is simply there to feast
on all those wriggly, slippery, crunchy beasts.
But I need to tell you loud and clear that...



Did you know the Deinogalerix was one of the first hedgehogs to be found in the world. He was around when the dinosaurs were roaming the earth

**There's a dinosaur in your garden!
And if we are too slow to act,
That dinosaur in your garden
Will be fiction not fact.**

Now it's your turn; have a go.
Why not try illustrating it too and then send a copy to us.
Why don't you have a go at reciting your poem to a family member or friend via
facetime and get some feedback.
Good luck and enjoy.



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