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Choice A

Talking Time

by James Carter

Not only the day but also the night
I am the coming and going of light

The growing and turning of shadows on land
the falling of sand, that watch on your hand

The arc of the moon, the tug of the tides
the till of the fields, the sun as it hides

The here and the now and the way back when
In hide & seek games: the counting to ten

Your birthday, your diary, your lines on your face
the start and the finish of every race

Measure me, treasure me, do as you will
I'll drag or I'll fly but I'll never stay still

If I am your rhythm, then you are my rhyme
We live for each other, and my name is time

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Superstitious

by Shel Silverstein

If you are superstitious you'll never step on cracks.
When you see a ladder you will never walk beneath it.
And if you ever spill some salt you'll throw some 'cross your back,
And carry 'round a rabbit's foot just in case you need it.
You'll pick up any pin that you find lying on the ground,
And never, never, ever throw your hat upon the bed,
Or open an umbrella when you are in the house.
You'll bite your tongue each time you say
A thing you shouldn't have said.
You'll hold your breath and cross your fingers
Walkin' by a graveyard,
And number thirteen's never gonna do you any good.
Black cats will all look vicious, if you're superstitious,
But I'm not superstitious (knock on wood).