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Connecting Poetry & Art

Student Guide

POETRY PROMPT

Depict the Invisible



Write a poem about something you can't see, such as a dream, a whisper, hope, an earthquake, or electricity.

For inspiration, read the poem "Who Has Seen the Wind?" by Christina Rossetti on the Poetry Foundation's Web site and then notice how a slight breeze is evoked in Nicolas Poussin's A Path Leading into a Forest Clearing.

Nicolas Poussin French, about 1635-1640 A Path Leading into a Forest Clearing Pen and brown ink and brown wash 15³/₁₆ x 9¹¹/₁₆ in. 96.GA.24

