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Writing Poetry

This type of poem focuses on counting down the time to an exciting, horrifying or thrilling event. The poem should aim to build a climax towards an exciting or unexpected ending. The poem is written as all one piece, but every second line is the countdown line.

Write a Countdown Poem about an event using the same structure as in the example. It could be about a visit to a haunted house; a birthday party; a walk in the forest; the day of a competition/race etc.

My Dream

At ten minutes to midnight
My eyes opened wide.
At nine minutes to midnight
The streetlight started to flicker.
At eight minutes to midnight
The wind began to howl.
At seven minutes to midnight
I heard the back door open.
At six minutes to midnight
There was a creak on the stairs.
At five minutes to midnight
A shiver ran down my spine.
At four minutes to midnight
The door handle began to move.
At three minutes to midnight
Etc. etc.



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