

A SHOWER  
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unusual/ onomatopoeic words:  
hiss  
[wet] murmur  
tinkle  
highways  
hedge-rows  
umbrella

trochaic verbs:  
sputter  
murmur  
flipping  
tinkle  
making

repeated words:  
you (3)

dactyls:  
sputter of [rain]  
flipping the [hedge(-rows)]  
making the [high(ways)]  
tinkle of [drops]

spondees:  
wet mur[mur]  
[through] green branch[es]  
[on] stretched silk  
[a]gainst me

anapests:  
and the touch  
as you press  
*both begin a line*

longer similar phrases:  
flipping the hedgerows  
that my umbrella

that sputter of rain  
and making the high[ways]  
*both begin a line*

sentences

*(That sputter of rain,) (flipping the hedge-rows) (and making the highways hiss,) (how I love it!)*

*(And the touch) (of you) (upon my arm) (as you press against me) (that my umbrella may cover you.)*

*(Tinkle of drops) (on stretched silk.)*

*(Wet murmur) (through green branches.)*

syllables feet

10	4	}
7	3	
4	2	
9	4	
11	4?	
4	2	

*first stanza: 6 lines  
2 long-long-short triplets  
with matching ends (4/2)*

7	4	}
7	4	

*second stanza: 2 lines  
matching lines (7/4)*

syllables person

21 **first person only: "how I love it"**

24 **new love object: "of you" "you...me" "my...you"**

7  
7 } **abstraction**