

The Eagle
By Alfred, Lord Tennyson

**He clasps the crag with crooked hands;
Close to the sun in lonely lands,
Ringed with the azure world, he stands.**

**The wrinkled sea beneath him crawls;
He watches from his mountain walls,
And like a thunderbolt he falls.**

• **Notes and terms connected with this poem:**

personification = giving something human characteristics

crooked hands = claws

crag = rock outcropping

lonely lands = no humans

azure land = blue ocean or blue sky

wrinkled sea = waves

— note the punctuation and rhyme scheme