

**Concrete vs. Abstract Activity—Version 1 (Group A)**

Find the **concrete nouns** and **abstract nouns** in this poem excerpt.

A green line, frayed at the end  
where he broke it, two heavier lines,  
and a fine black thread  
still crimped from the strain and snap  
when it broke and he got away.  
Like medals with their ribbons  
frayed and wavering,  
a five-haired beard of wisdom  
trailing from his aching jaw.  
I stared and stared  
and victory filled up  
the little rented boat,  
from the pool of bilge  
where oil had spread a rainbow  
around the rusted engine  
to the bailer rusted orange,  
the sun-cracked thwarts,  
the oarlocks on their strings,  
the gunnels--until everything  
was rainbow, rainbow, rainbow!  
And I let the fish go.

-From "The Fish," Elizabeth Bishop, 1946

<https://www.poetrybyheart.org.uk/poems/the-fish/>

Write each noun in the correct column.

<b>Concrete Nouns</b>	<b>Abstract Nouns</b>