

Words or pictures?

Choose words from the list to fill in the gaps so that you can enjoy the full poem!!!

Images/ heard/words/ canvas/ballet/brush/mind/twisting

” A POEM IS A PAINTING”

By Phebe Hesketh

A poem is a painting that is not seen,
A painting is a poem that is not _____ 1 _____

That’s what poetry is-
a painting in the _____ 2 _____.
Without palette and _____ 3 _____
it mixes words into _____ 4 _____

The mind’s edge sharpens the knife
slashing the canvas with savage rocks
_____ 5 _____ the trees and limbs into tortuous shapes
as Van Gogh did
or bewitched by movement’s grace,
captures the opalescent skirts
of “Degas’ _____ 6 _____ dancers”.

But _____ 7 _____ on the page
as paint on _____ 8 _____
are fixed.

It’s in the spaces between
the poem is quickened.