Electric Poetry
By Lill Pluta

**Current Electricity**
Electrons spin, but when they flow,
Electric power makes things go.
Fans and lamps, guitars that rock it,
All turn on when plug meets socket.

**Static Electricity**
Ben Franklin with his kite and key
Proved that electricity
Is the stuff of lightning bolts.
There's energy in jolts and volts.
And although lightning's known as static,
All such charges aren't dramatic.
Next time that your room is dark,
Rub socks on carpet for a spark!
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   Now list three objects not mentioned in the poem that use current electricity.
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2. Give two examples of static electricity from the poem.
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3. Which set of letters correctly shows the rhyming pattern of this poem?
   a. A B A B A B  
   b. A A B B C C
   c. A B C A B C
   d. A B A B C C

4. Identify the proper noun in the poem: ________________________________
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ANSWER KEY

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