

# How to Keep a Secret

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if you should stumble upon  
a secret in your travels,  
i warn you, take haste –

with a ruler determine the length  
of its sharp, needly teeth  
for some secrets will gnaw away at you  
and leave nothing but the bones.

with a pair of scales determine its weight,  
for the burden of a secret is sometimes  
best shared with another  
who is strong enough to carry it.

finally, with a sharp poke determine its temper  
for some secrets cannot be tamed  
and should be packed away in boxes, kept  
far from the light.