

Poetry Book Selections:

Below is a guide to various types of poetry formats for your poetry book project!

<p style="text-align: center;">Limerick</p> <p>Limericks consist of five lines. The rhyme scheme is ABBA. In other words, Lines One, Two, and Five all rhyme with each other, and Lines Three and Four rhyme with each other.</p> <p>There was a young fellow named <u>Hall</u> Who fell in the spring in the <u>fall</u>. 'Twould have been a sad <u>thing</u> Had he died in the <u>spring</u>, But he didn't—he died in the <u>fall</u></p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Quatrain</p> <p>A quatrain is a 4 lined poem that has a particular rhyming scheme (AABB, or ABAB). You can write multiple stanzas of quatrains to make a longer poem.</p> <p>A little piece of advice is (A) For those who have got mice (B) In their respective houses. (B) The cat knows where the mouse is. (A)</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">Found Poetry</p> <p>Find a couple random paragraph from a newspaper, magazine, book, etc. The selection should contain 100-200 words. You can also try recipe instructions, legal notices, and horoscopes.</p> <p>Read through your selection.</p> <p>Highlight or underline words, lines, etc that seem promising to you.</p> <p>Use what you selected to write a poem. You may add your own words, but no more than 50% of final poem may include new words.</p> <p>Your poem may be of any length, but it must focus on a single idea and be meaningful to you.</p> <p>Ask Miss Landau for an example if you are interested in this type of poem!</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Cinquain</p> <p>This is a 5 lined poem that has different sequence for each line.</p> <p>Line A: One vague or general one-word subject or topic</p> <p>Line B: Two vivid adjectives that describe the topic</p> <p>Line C: Three interesting -ing action verbs that fit the topic</p> <p>Line D: Four-word phrase that captures feeling about the topic</p> <p>Line E: A very specific term that explains Line A</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Planet</i> <i>Graceful, ringed</i> <i>Spinning, whirling, twirling</i> <i>Dances with neighbor</i> <i>Jupiter</i> <i>Saturn</i></p>

Clerihew

This is a satirical, sometimes mean poem about a famous person. They are 4 lines long and has a rhyme scheme of AABB.

Taylor Swift (A)
 she loves to shop lift. (A)
 Her boyfriend gave her a dove (B)
 but she still can't find true love. (B)

Tanka

The Tanka poem is very similar to haiku but Tanka poems have more syllables and it uses simile, metaphor and personification.

(5 syllables) Crash at two A.M.
 (7 syllables) I opened my bedroom door
 (5 syllables) A white cat ran by
 (7 syllables) Startled by the clanging fall
 (7 syllables) Of the treat jar's metal lid

"I Am" Poem

This has a specific format for the poem. Fill in the blanks below to create your "I am" poem.

FIRST STANZA
 I am (2 special characteristics you have) I wonder (something of curiosity)
 I hear (an imaginary sound)
 I see (an imaginary sight)
 I want (an actual desire)
 I am (the first line of the poem repeated)

SECOND STANZA
 I pretend (something you actually pretend to do) I feel (a feeling about something imaginary)
 I touch (an imaginary touch)
 I worry (something that bothers you)
 I cry (something that makes you sad)
 I am (the first line of the poem repeated) I pretend I am a princess I feel an angel's wings
 I touch a summer's cloud I worry about violence

THIRD STANZA
 I understand (something that is true)
 I say (something you believe in)
 I dream (something you dream about)
 I try (something you really make an effort about)
 I am (the first line of the poem repeated)

"I Am" Poem Example

I am polite and kind
 I wonder about my kids' future I hear a unicorn's cry
 I see Atlantis
 I want to do it all over again
 I am polite and kind

I pretend I am a princess I feel an angel's wings
 I touch a summer's cloud I worry about violence

I understand your love for me I say children are our future
 I dream for a quiet day
 I try to do my best
 I cry for my Gram
 I am polite and kind
 I hope the success of my children I am polite and kind.

Slam Poetry

Technically, slam poetry is a competition where you recite a passionate topic. You convey your point through theatrical speech and try to move your audience.

Look up at Youtube video or ask Miss Landau for examples of Slam poetry if you are interested!

Here is an excerpt of a slam poem.

Like A Girl

I play like a girl, I hit like a girl
You say I throw like a girl,
And, when I run -- I run like a girl!
All that plus more, enjoy this one size fits all

Who and what I want comes from being strong
Classy and fabulous, I'm female styling, this song

I've been told, cut to size
The world dark and gray, when life becomes an insult
Take heed when I speak my mind,
I am tough, outstanding and beautiful

Move ahead and say it twice, I smell nice
A taste of Cool Water and Justice Perfume
I have a non-stop multitask fixation
Like a woman, everything about me is hidden
Magic and alluring the only joy in sexuality you'll need

I'm empowering this moment!
Endorsing Myself, with a certain sort of mystique
I deliver an independent will,
don't underestimate my physique.

Diamante Poem

This is a poem that is shaped like a diamond. Each line has specific types of words and it does not need to rhyme.

The poem is mostly about opposites, so unlike a cinquain, the first and last lines are opposite of each other.

Line A: Topic A (must be a noun)

Line B: Two vivid adjectives that describe Topic A

Line C: Three interesting "-ing" action verbs that describe Topic A

Line D: Two concrete nouns about Topic A and two about Topic G

Line E: Three interesting "-ing" action verbs that describe Topic G

Line F: Two vivid adjectives that describe Topic G

Line G: Topic G (must be an opposite noun)

Lion

Majestic, proud

Roaring, snarling, prowling

Mane, muscle . . . Fleece, fluff

Bleating, leaping, grazing

Meek, gentle

Lamb

Free Verse Poem

This is an open form of poetry. It does not use any rhyme scheme, pattern, meter, or any musical pattern. It tends to follow the rhythm of natural speech or prose. This can be in any format needed.

Nonet

A nonet poem is simple. It has 9 lines and each line has that equivalent number of syllables.

“Nature”

There’s a life curled in the darkness (9)
sweating out the evening storm (8)
beneath leaves covered with rain (7)
and an urge to bolt like (6)
the lightning before (5)
thunder. Under (4)
here we run (3)
free of (2)
why (1)

Sonnet

From the Italian word “little song”, it’s a poem that is usually rhymed, 14 lines long, and is iambic pentameter. This is a poem that expresses emotion, rather than telling a story. A sonnet has 3 quatrains (4 lines) followed by a couplet (2 lines).

They are filled with figurative language (especially metaphors) and imagery.

Sonnet #147 By William Shakespeare

My love is a fever, longing still
For that which longer nurseth the disease.
Feeding on that which doth preserve the ill,
The uncertain sickly appetite to please.
My reason, the physican to my love,
Angry that his prescriptions are not kept,
Hath left me, and I desperate now approve
Desire is death, which physic did except.
Past cure I am, now reason is past care.
And frantic-mad with evermore unrest;
My thoughts and my discourse as madmen’s
are
At random from the truth vainly expressed;
For I have sworn thee fair and through thee
bright
Who art as black as hell as dark as night.

Ballad Poem

A ballad is a poem written about love. The first line is the most important part of the ballad as it gives the message for the rest of your poem. There is a rhyme scheme in ballads, but you may rhyme in any pattern you choose.

One fine glorious summer day
I wandered the beach, much like a
stray
I had with me no company
But I made friends that day.

Come on little lobsters,
You can crawl with me.
We’ll find buried treasure then we’ll
sail the seven seas.

The sands were hot, the sun shone
bright
The waves crashed on the shore.
We searched that beach for hours,
But never were we bored.

Come on crawling crabs,
No need to hide from me.
We’ll find buried treasure then we’ll
sail the seven seas.

