



Have you ever expressed your thoughts and feelings by writing poetry? Here are some things that make poetry special:

- Poetry looks different.
- Poetry speaks to the mind as well as to the heart.
- It says a lot in a few words.
- Poetry says things in special ways.
- It pleases the ear.

Playful poetry is fun to write. Poets invent new forms of poetry just for the fun of it. Here are some fun forms to try.

Alphabet Poetry – An alphabet poem uses a part of the alphabet to create a list poem.

Diamond
Exquisite
Flashy
Genuine

Definition Poetry – Definition poetry tells the meaning of a word or an idea creatively.

FRIENDSHIP

Friendship is like goldfish crackers and M&M's,
mixed together in a bowl,
sometimes sweet, sometimes crunchy. . . always delicious.

Five W's Poetry – A 5 W's poem answers *Who? What? Where? When? and Why?*

I (Who?)
Like to walk (What?)
In Sunset Park (Where?)
As the sun is rising (When?)
Because the birds are singing and the grass glistens with dew. (Why?)

List Poetry – A list can be a poem. The title says what the list is about.

What's In My Desk Drawer?

six rulers and a fake spider
a shiny Iowa quarter
some Hershey kisses
a package of purple Post-it notes
the note my friend wrote...

Telephone-Number Poetry – You can create a poem using your phone number. Each number can represent either syllables or whole words. For example, pretend your phone number is 362-4815. The first line of your poem will have three syllables (or words), the second will have six, the third will have two, and so on. Here's an example:

Smart hamster	(3 syllables)
lives in room twenty-six	(6 syllables)
Humphrey	(2 syllables)
runs on his wheel	(4 syllables)
observant, caring, amazing	(8 syllables)
He	(1 syllable)
learns to read and write!	(5 syllables)