

All Together Now: Collaborations in Poetry Writing and Recitation



If you wish, use the following poetry templates
to help with writing your own poems.

Template:

_____ (title)

"My stomach's full of _____!"
(an object, word to rhyme with the last word in line 3)

Lamented _____ .
(a name)

Her mother sighed, " _____ ."
(rhymes with line 1)

You ate _____!"
(rhymes with the name)

Example:

My Stomach's Full of Elephants!

"My stomach's full of elephants!"

Lamented Kathy Strunk.

Her mother sighed, "You have no sense.

You ate your father's trunk!"



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Template:

(title)

The Goops they _____ ,

And the Goops they _____ ;

They _____ .
(rhymes with line 1)

Oh, they _____ !
(rhymes with line 2)

The Goops _____ ,

And _____ .
(rhymes with "you")

And that is why I'm glad that I

Am not a Goop — are you?

Example:

The Goops at the Museum

The Goops they touch the artwork,

And the Goops they chew their gum;

They go completely berserk.

Oh, they scream and run!

The Goops take off their shoes

And leap like kangaroos.

And that is why I'm glad that I

Am not a Goop — are you?



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Template:

When I grow up, I'm going to be a _____ ,

And _____ .

Lines can be realistic:

When I grow up, I'm going to be a doctor,

And save lives every day.

Or, lines can be fantastical:

When I grow up, I'm going to be a jet plane,

And fly to Hawaii whenever I want.



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Template:

(title)

What a _____ ,
(noun, such as "night" or "trip")

Oh what a _____ .
(same as line 1)

My _____ ,
(rhymes with line 1)

And now my _____ will not _____ .
(rhymes with line 1)

I'm _____ years old

And _____ ing _____ ,
(rhymes with line 1)

Oh what a _____ , Oh what a _____ .
(same as line 1) (same as line 1)

Example:

What a Night

What a night,
Oh what a night.
My left hand forgot my right.
My only crayons were black and white
My bike lost its front headlight.
My bedroom was a hideous sight.
And now my crayons will not write.
I'm seven years old
And feeling fright!
Oh what a night, Oh what a night.