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*30 Days Of Poetry
Prompts*

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Day 1: Rhyming Couplets

Write a poem comprised entirely of rhyming couplets.

A

A

B

B

C

C

so on and so forth. You can make them alternating patterns or all different rhymes so long as the poem is entirely made of couplets. Try to make the poem at least 10 lines and keep the rhyme scheme fresh.

Day 2: Petrarchan Sonnet

Italian Sonnets, also known as Petrarchan Sonnets after the Italian poet Petrarch feature one octave or two quatrains followed by a sestet and is traditionally written in Iambic Pentameter. The octave forms a proposition or presents a problem or question which is then solved in the following sestet. Generally, the ninth line of the ninth line of the poem contains a volta which leads to the resolution of the problem presented in the previous eight lines.

The Italian sonnet follows a rhyme scheme of

A-
B-
B-
A-
A-
B-
B-
A
C-
D-
E-
C-
D-
E

Day 5: Tanka

The Tanka, or "short poem," is one of the most well known and well-used forms of Japanese poetry. In the ninth and tenth centuries, this style of short poems dominated Japanese poetry styles and it was one of if not the most popular form of original Waka. *Kokinshu* is one of the earliest collections of tanka.

A Tanka's form is five lines.

5
7
5
7
7

31 syllables in total in the original Japanese.

Day 11: Style of Seuss

Would you write a rhyming poem?

Would it be published in a tome?

We've all enjoyed the many works of Dr. Seuss. Write a poem in his style of writing.

Day 13: One Word Lines

They say that simplicity is the hardest form of true genius. So let's keep a poem simple. Write a poem comprised of 1 word lines. Make the poem at least 10 lines long.

Day 15: Dream Imagery

We all have dreams. Dreams sometimes don't make any sense---sometimes they confuse us, other times they intrigue us. Sometimes both. Sometimes the imagery stays with us even after we've woken. Write a poem describing the imagery in a dream.

Day 17: Limerick

Sometimes poetry has a reputation for being sad and depressing--and then there are funny poems like Limericks. The structure of a Limerick is relatively simple:

- A
- A
- B
- B
- A

Traditionally most Limericks have 9 syllables per line, but the rules on this vary. Write a Limerick.

Day 20: Rhyme Scheme

Write a poem with the following rhyme scheme:

A

B

A

B

A

C

D

C

D

C

E

E

E

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