

# DIAMANTE POEM

## **Poetry Pattern:**

Line 1: topic (noun)

Line 2: two adjectives

Line 3: three action words

Line 4: a four-word phrase

Line 5: three action words

Line 6: two adjectives

Line 7: rename the topic

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\*\*\*Examples on the reverse side\*\*\*

**Teacher**

**Enthusiastic Loud**

**Talking Thinking Learning**

**Helping students find success**

**Motivating Listening Creating**

**Kind Sensitive**

**Me**

**Turtle**

**Green Hard-shelled**

**Scooting Crawling Swimming**

**In a box alone**

**Living Eating Struggling**

**Silent Heavy-footed**

**Survivor**

# **Color Poem**

## **Poetry Pattern:**

(selected color) is....

(selected color) is....

(selected color) is....

(selected color) is....

(selected color) tastes like....

(selected color) smells like....

(selected color) sounds like....

(selected color) feels like....

(selected color) looks like....

(selected color) makes me....

(selected color) is....

*\*\*\*Examples on the reverse side\*\*\**

## Green

Green is life  
Green is the harbinger of spring  
Green is the blade of grass between my toes  
Green is the slimy weeds that crowd the river shore  
Green tastes like ripe juicy apples just fallen off the tree  
Green smells like the sticky chocolate mint ice cream that melts between my fingers  
Green sounds like the grasshoppers and crickets chirruping loudly as I nap on the ground  
Green feels like the velvet clover under my feet  
Green looks like a wavy mirror that I dive into  
Green makes me awake and alive and adventurous  
Green is life

## Green

life  
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slimy weeds that crowd the river shore  
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grasshoppers and crickets chirruping loudly as I nap on the ground  
velvet clover under my feet  
wavy mirror that I dive into  
awake and alive and adventurous  
life

## Gold

Gold is a planet spinning  
around in space.  
A piece of wood.  
Gold is the moon in the sky at night.  
Gold is hot lava coming out of a volcano.  
Gold is the royal, rich sand which was made in times of kings and queens.  
Gold is the color of a beginning friendship.

## Haiku Poem

### **Poetry Pattern:**

1<sup>st</sup> line: 5 syllables

2<sup>nd</sup> line: 7 syllables

3<sup>rd</sup> line: 5 syllables

Example 1:

Wind makes the leaves dance.  
It twirls them in a circle.  
They glide down once more.

Example 2:

Slowly the moon smiles.  
It makes his eyes dance wildly.  
He winks at the stars

## Tanka Poem

### **Poetry Pattern:**

Line 1: 5 syllables

Line 2: 7 syllables

Line 3: 5 syllables

Line 4: 7 syllables

Line 5: 7 syllables

Example:

The trees are clustered,  
Together in the forest.  
Leaning branches reach,  
For something that is not there.  
The light shall never be found.

## Cinquain Poem

### **Poetry Pattern:**

Line 1: 2 syllables

Line 2: 4 syllables

Line 3: 6 syllables

Line 4: 8 syllables

Line 5: 2 syllables

Example:

Above,  
The high mountains,  
The eagles dare to fly,  
They know they own the land above,  
The rocks.

# I AM POEM

## **Poetry Pattern:**

I am (two special characteristics you have)

I wonder (something you are really curious about)

I hear (an imaginary sound)

I see (an imaginary sight)

I want (an actual desire)

Repeat 1<sup>st</sup> Line

I pretend (something you actually pretend to do)

I feel (a feeling about something imaginary)

I touch (an imaginary touch)

I laugh (at?) or cry or worry

I (one of the three above that you didn't use)

Repeat 1<sup>st</sup> line

I understand (something you know is true)

I say (something you believe in)

I dream (something you actually dream about)

I try (something you really make an effort at doing)

I hope (something you actually hope for)

I am (the first line of the poem repeated)

\*\*\*Examples on the reverse side\*\*\*

Example 1:

I am a lively young lady.  
I wonder why everyone can't be a friend.  
I hear the voices of my classmates around me.  
I see children talking and laughing.  
I want peace among us all.  
I am a lively young lady.

I pretend to be a peacemaker.  
I feel happy when everyone smiles.  
I touch a friend's hand longingly.  
I worry that I'm not good enough.  
I cry about injustice.  
I am a lively young lady.

I understand when someone feels burdened.  
I say everything will be all right.  
I dream about peace in the world.  
I try to do my part.  
I hope to bring out the best in everyone around me.  
I am a lively young lady.

Example 2:

### **Dreams**

I am a girl who loves to dream.  
I wonder if my dreams will ever come true.  
I hear, when I dream, pure white angels gliding from cloud to cloud.  
I see my past, present, and future self from a fluffy white cloud in the heavens.  
I want to stay in dreamland forever.  
I am a girl who loves to dream.

I pretend that dreamland is the real world and that this is just a fantasy.  
I feel exhilarated each time I enter my world of dreams.  
I touch moonbeams as they float down gently and land in my hand.  
I worry about those people who don't know the way to dreamland.  
I cry when I think of the cruel villains who take dreamland away from all: adults and children.  
I am a girl who loves to dream.

I understand that not everyone knows the way to dreamland.  
I say that even though you grow-up, it doesn't mean that you must leave dreamland behind.  
I dream about living in dreamland permanently.  
I try to make adults understand that dreamland isn't just for children, but for all dreamers.  
I hope, though I know it's in vain, that nobody will close the doors of dreamland on themselves because they would  
be throwing away all the great joys one can have in dreamland.  
I am a girl who loves to dream.

# **Bio Poem**

## **Poetry Pattern:**

**\*\*Note:** Responses can be words or phrases.

**Line 1:** Your first name only

**Line 2:** Four traits that describe you

**Line 3:** Sibling of (or wife of, mother of, teacher of, friend of, child of)

**Line 4:** Lover of (name three people or ideas)

**Line 5:** Who feels (3 responses)

**Line 6:** Who needs (3 responses)

**Line 7:** Who gives (3 responses)

**Line 8:** Who fears (3 responses)

**Line 9:** Who would like to see (3 responses)

**Line 10:** Resident of (street, city, state, or made up place)

**Line 11:** Your last name only

**\*\*\*Examples on the reverse side\*\*\***



Example 1:

**Jennifer**

**Tall, slim, blonde, and bouncy**

**Daughter of John and Nancy**

**Lover of fancy clothes, chocolate of any kind, and good movies**

**Who feels tired on Monday mornings, energetic on Saturdays, and sad at times**

**Who finds happiness in special friends, a sunrise, and going on long vacations**

**Who needs a hug every now and then, help with homework, and a phone in my room**

**Who gives the dog a bath every week, 100% effort in all my studies**

**Who fears high bridges, snakes, and violence**

**Who would like to see Paris, Tom Cruise in person, and my parents win the lottery**

**Who enjoys swimming, spending time in my room alone, and music of all kinds**

**Who likes to wear jeans and sweatshirts, formal evening gowns, and high-heeled shoes**

**Resident of Temple Terrace**

**Blake**

Example 2:

**Michael**

**Happy, funny, sad, friendly**

**Son of a strong father**

**Lover of baseball, reading, and roller skating**

**Who feels happiness, love, and joy**

**Who needs rest, relaxation, and practice**

**Who gives great advice, slow knuckleballs, and a breeze as I fly by**

**Who fears nightmares, guns, and spelling tests.**

**Who would like to see the Great Wall of China, the Statue of Liberty, and Hawaii.**

**Resident of the Independent State of Mikey**

**Garrasi**

## LIST POEM

### **Poetry Pattern:**

a list of reasons or ideas, usually with the first few words of the response repeated each line.

Example:

*Why do I think my English teacher's crazy?*

Why do I think my English teacher's crazy?

Because the teacher acts like I should be glad to do this

Because the teacher thinks I'm the crazy one for not loving vocabulary

Because the teacher thinks I really care why Poe died

Because she actually likes this crap

Because sometimes, she's crazy enough to drag me in with her.

-Kimberly Zavala

## *Question and Answer Poem*

### **Poetry Pattern:**

first line asks a question and the second line answers (repeat)

Example:

***Just Another Day***

Who left the water running?

Justin knows.

Whose crying kept me up all night?

Kristian cries all the time.

Who kicked Justin in the stomach?

I saw Dan—he did it!

Whose diaper needs to be changed?

Kassy—phew!

Who threw up on his brand new shirt?

The shy one from across the street.

Whose love and patience will fix everything?

Yours truly.

**-Sadie Tirmizi**

## Dialogue Poems

### **Poetry Pattern:**

focus on the characters talking; can have just talking or can include narration too.

Example 1: (just dialogue)

#### ***Two Friends***

I have something to tell you.  
I'm listening.  
I'm dying.  
I'm sorry to hear.  
I'm growing old.  
It's terrible.  
It is, I thought you should know.  
Of course, and I'm sorry. Keep in touch.  
I will and you too.  
And let me know what's new.  
Certainly, though it can't be much.  
And stay well.  
And you too.  
And go slow.  
And you too.

**-David Ignatow**

Example 2: (dialogue and narration)

#### ***Shopping***

They met  
near the pickles  
in A & P

He said  
do you know where  
rutabagas are

She saw  
the lone artichoke  
in his cart. I can  
show you the way

Between zucchini  
and cherry tomatoes  
they found it

It looks good  
he said. He was  
looking at  
her eyes  
playful as kittens:  
I've never tried it

Let me fix you  
some Sunday  
he said.

**-Dorothy Schieber Miller**

# **ACROSTIC POEM**

## **Poetry Pattern:**

Begin with a word or phrase written vertically downwards; the listed letters become the first letters in a string of words; Remember you can have as many words on a line as you like. With short words, repeat the word a few times.

Example 1:

*Leo*

Leopards

Eat

Onions

Like

Engineers

Order

Lasagna:

Ethiopian

Olives

Example 2:

*How I Avoided Doing My Acrostic Poem*

or

*What One Does When One Has No Ideas*

Prepare to write

Relax and think

Organize desk

Critique contents

Rearrange desk materials

Aim to begin

Select and list words

Trim unnecessary ones

Intuit and intuit

Nurture every scrap

Align words in rows

Tear them up

Inspire self with peanut butter sandwich

Organize desk

Nap on couch

*-Nona Horsley*

## **Free Verse**

## **Poetry Pattern:**

*No set pattern*

*No set rhyme*

*Be free*

*See how the words fall on the page*

## **LOUDER THAN YOU CAN IMAGINE POEM**

Use the following pattern to write this type of poem.

Louder than a...  
Louder than a...  
Louder than a...  
Or a...  
Louder than a...  
Or a...  
Louder than a...  
Louder than a...  
Louder than a...  
Louder than a...  
As he/she/it...  
Louder than a...  
Louder than a...  
Louder than a...  
Louder than a...  
That's how loud my...!

*Example:*

### **Louder Than a Clap of Thunder**

Louder than a clap of thunder,  
louder than an eagle screams,  
louder than a dragon blunders,  
or a dozen football teams,  
louder than a four alarmer,  
or a rushing waterfall,  
louder than a knight in armor  
jumping from a ten-foot wall.  
Louder than an earthquake rumbles,  
louder than a tidal wave,  
louder than an ogre grumbles  
as he stumbles through his cave,  
louder than stampeding cattle,  
louder than a cannon roars,  
louder than a giant's rattle,  
that's how loud my father SNORES!

by Jack Prelutsky

## **Hold On Poem**

Use the following pattern to write this type of poem.

Hold on...  
Hold on to...  
Even if...  
Hold on to...  
Even if...  
Hold on to...  
Even if...  
Hold on to...  
Even if...  
Hold on to...  
Even if...  
Hold on to...  
Even when...

*Example:*

Hold on for dear life, my brother  
Hold on to those you love  
Even if they are far away  
Hold on to the future, my brother  
Even if you must cry out in pain  
Hold on to our mother, my brother  
Even if she can't hold you right now  
Hold on to your daughter, my brother  
Even if you don't see her sweet face  
Hold on to your sister, my brother  
Even if you can't hear her loving voice  
Hold on to justice, my brother  
Even when it seems to no longer exist

- Julia Acker