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FREE VERSES

- Free verses are poems that describe images and emotions in short sentences.
- The difference between free verses and other poems is that there is not necessary a beat and they don't usually rhyme.
- Free verses are not found as much in children's poetry because children like rhythm and rhymes.

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- Nonsense or humoristic poems have to be part of a child's life.
- It gives a child the boldness to laugh and play with words. It encourages them to use their imaginations and it positively influences their reading ability.
- These poems make living and being human light and freakish.

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HAIKU

- A Haiku is a structured Japanese poetry form that can give children another form of art and another way of seeing beauty.
- These types of poems place value on a single moment, a still moment that is describes in words. They describe a universal beauty to the reader.
- The focus of a haiku is to help the reader to discover beauty in a simple manner so children can look at natural beauty rather than materialistic beauty.
- A Haiku does not usually rhyme and has three lines, with the second line usually describing the action.

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CONCRETE POETRY

- Poems that describe something that you can touch.
- When a poet writes a poem in the form of something like an elephant, this holds meaning and can be described as concrete poetry.
- Children usually enjoy concrete poetry.
- They find it different and exiting.
- It also gives a child the chance to use their imagination to not only see the image, but to use sound and rhythm to create the image.

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LIMERICKS

- A poem that usually has five verses and is humoristic.
- Rhyme scheme is usually aab ba.
- These poems' first, second and fifth line usually rhymes and has three strong beats.
- Lines three and four usually rhyme and have two strong beats.
- Children enjoy the visual images that are created by these types of verses and children should be motivated to write their own limerick poems.

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LYRICAL POEMS

- These are short poems that can be sung.
- These poems are usually about aspects of life or nature, and can create intense feelings within the reader.
- The poet can help the reader to step out of time and look at the smaller things in life.
- Lyrical poems are characterised by inner meditation.
- Children usually enjoy these poems because they can sing along.

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NARRATIVE POETRY

- Narrative poetry is poems that tell stories.
- A limerick is the best type of narrative poetry for children.
- A limerick is a poem that usually has four lines with eight syllables and the second and fourth line rhymes with each other.
- It has to have aspects like space, events, and characters, and has a climax.
- The stories that are told in narrative poems are usually tragic and plaintive.

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- Children have to be motivated to write their own poems and to experiment with different types of poetry when doing so.
- For children to understand poetry and to write their own poems they have to be exposed to different types of poetry.

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