

# write a poem with me

The Voices of Children is a poetry and music project to explore expressions in interdisciplinary art forms. Poetry and music have great educative power and are expressive mediums that have highly therapeutic effects on the mind. Through creation we develop mutual understanding between individuals. The project consists of a call-for-poem exercise, and poem exhibition, and a public performance of the music written based on the selected

## acrostic

In an acrostic poem, the letters of a word are written vertically down. Each letter is the beginning of a new word or phrases. They can form a sentence or short phrases or simply be a list of words. Here are 2 examples:

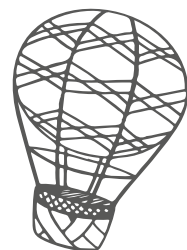
### Acrostic by Lewis Carroll

Little maidens, when you look  
On this little story-book,  
Reading with attentive eye  
Its enticing history,  
Never think that hours of play  
Are your only HOLIDAY,  
And that is a HOUSE of joy  
Lessons serve but to annoy:  
If in any HOUSE you find  
Children of a gentle mind,  
Each the others pleasing ever-  
Each the others vexing never-  
Daily work and pastime daily  
In their order taking gaily-  
Then be very sure that they  
Have a life of HOLIDAY

This poem is about how three "little maidens" pass their "holiday" in a house! Their names are hidden in the first letter of each line. Can you work it out?

### Summer by anonymous

Sun is smiling,  
Umbrella is sighing.  
Music is wailing,  
Metaphor is withering.  
Expression is gazing,  
Reception is grinning.



Write your poem using the submission sheet, and send to the following address by 20 Nov

The Talking Shop  
The Courtyard,  
Scotch Quarter,  
Carrickfergus,  
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Your work will be exhibited at the Carrickfergus Museum in December 2023

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