

# 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

## line breaker

You can create poems using existing text material taken from a random book and page.

### Chapter 1

#### Down the Rabbit-Hole

Alice was beginning to get very tired of sitting by her sister on the bank, and of having nothing to do: once or twice she had peeped into the book her sister was reading, but it has no pictures or conversations in it, 'and what is the use of a book,' thought Alice 'without pictures or conversation?'

So she was considering in her own mind (as well as she could, for the hot day made her feel very sleepy and stupid), whether the pleasure of making a daisy-chain would be worth the trouble of getting up and picking the daisies, when suddenly a White Rabbit with pink eyes ran close by her.

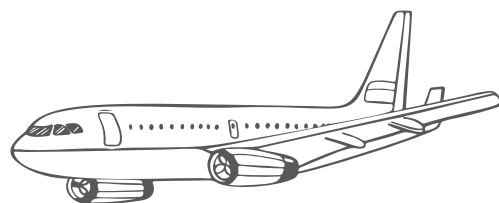
There was nothing so very remarkable in that; nor did Alice think it so very much out of the way to hear the Rabbit say to itself, 'Oh dear! Oh dear! I shall be late!' (when she thought it over afterwards, it occurred to her that she ought to have wondered at this, but at the time it all seemed quite natural); but when the Rabbit actually took a watch out of its waistcoat-pocket, and looked at it, and then hurried on, Alice started to her feet, for it flashed across her mind that she had never before seen a rabbit with either a waistcoat-pocket, or a watch to take out of it, and burning with curiosity, she ran across the field after it, and fortunately was just in time to see it pop

### Instructions

Break the paragraph on the right into lines. You can add, delete, or rearrange the words if needed. You can also do this exercise with books from your bookshelf. Turn to a random page and select an excerpt.

### Example

Alice was beginning to  
Get very tired of sitting  
Having nothing to do  
Into the book her sister was reading



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

The Talking Shop  
The Courtyard,  
Scotch Quarter,  
Carrickfergus,  
BT38 7DP

Your work will be exhibited at the  
Carrickfergus Museum in December 2023

The Voices of Children

For more information and teaching materials  
visit [bit.ly/thevoicesofchildren](http://bit.ly/thevoicesofchildren)

