

How to write nature poetry



While poetry can be confusing sometimes, it should never be hard to make. Poems don't have to rhyme or have a specific word count. They don't have to follow one type of outline, so you can make poems however you want. If you'd like some help to make your own nature poetry, here are some steps/ideas as well as an example!

1. The first step is to find your inspiration! You can look out your window for a while, sit outside or go for a walk. Just spend some time observing nature.
2. While you're outside write down or focus on specific things. They can be about what a flower looks like, how it feels when a gust of wind hits your face or even how you feel being outside.
3. Once you have some observations and thoughts, start to make a word bank. You can use descriptive, simple, sensory words or even names. An example of a word bank might be:



Hot Sunny Humid Oak Tree Squirrel Loud Bird Song Blue Jay Thicket
Flowers Bees Working Flight Food Happy Beautiful Green

4. Once you have your word bank, start to consider a theme for your poem or poems. Are there any words that seem to stand out and go together? Is there something that you focused on more?
 - a. For our example my theme is going to be the loud Blue Jay that was calling from an Oak tree.
5. Using your theme, start to consider what you want to convey. What was it about your theme that connected with you?
 - a. For our example, I'm going to focus on how loud the Blue Jay was.
6. Once you have your theme start writing! You can write in rhymes or not, you can follow a set pattern like a haiku or completely freestyle or write in whole sentences or just use a couple of words. And feel free to add similes, metaphors and the likes!
 - a. For our example, here's what my Blue Jay poem might look like



Blue Jay
Gary Mueller/Great Backyard Bird Count



SCREE, SCREE, SCREE
A blur of blue and white
Flashes by my window
The Jay calls out like a siren on feathered wings
JEER, JEER
The sound of nature is relaxing
Just not during my zoom call



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