Some Common Poems to Try

Free Verse

*Free Verse*
Is poetry without rhyme
And no form to hold you in.
You are set free to soar
And create snapshots and
Beautiful pictures to share.
Let your feelings flow,
Freely, poetically, and meaningfully,
Perfect,
Just the way it is.

While you don’t need to worry about rhyme or meter with free verse, it is important to think about poetic expression. How do the words sound? Is there a flow? Use the senses, alliteration, simile, and metaphor, etc. to make your free verse poem special. Try to find ways to convey feelings in as few, carefully chosen words as possible.

Write a free verse poem about a member of your family.

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Write a free verse poem about a feeling.

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Write a free verse poem about a favorite place.

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Extension: Use a notebook to record a daily free-verse. Write each day about a feeling, an observation, a person or an experience. Illustrate if you like.