



Found Poem

Task: Create an original poem using the text from a primary source.

Instructions:

1. After reading the primary source you've been assigned, answer the following question in the box below in 3-4 sentences.

What is this text about? Your response should summarize what the text is about and explain the author's central message or argument using your own words. This is the **theme** of the text.

2. Read the source again and look for 25-50 words that stand out in the text & connect to your response above. Write the words/ phrases in the box below.
Note: Try not to copy down portions of sentences-- the point is to take individual and independent words from the primary source and create something unique and your own, not to rewrite the primary source. 😊

List the words from the text that connect to the text's theme:



3. Now, try to form a poem out of these words that aligns with the text's theme. Here a few things to keep in mind as you write:
- You do not have to use all of the words that you wrote down.
 - You can always add simple verbs (is, are, was, were) and conjunctions to your poem, or change the tense of words that you found.
 - Your poem must be at least five lines long. Remember, a poem is not a paragraph. 😊
 - Space or arrange the words so that they're poem-like. Pay attention to line breaks, layout, and other elements that will emphasize important words or significant ideas in the poem.
- You can also put key words on lines by themselves that they are all alone.
- You may add up to 2-3 words of your own!
 - Your poem does not need to rhyme.

[Poem title]
[Text of poem]

4. Read your poem aloud & edit/revise anything that doesn't sound right.
5. Give your poem a title that fits your answer to the question, *what is this source about?*