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pril is National Poetry Month! If you like poetry, this is a good time to enjoy some of your favorite poems. If you don't know much about poetry, it's a great time to learn.

Rhyme and rhythm

Some people think all poems have to rhyme, but that's not true. Most, however, have a rhythm to them. Songs are a kind of poem.

Some great poets to try

There have been many great poets throughout time, but here are some whose poems you might especially like.

• Jack Prelutsky. He writes silly poems like "As Soon as Fred Gets Out of Bed," which is about a boy who wears his underwear on his head, and "Dora Diller," about a girl who has real butterflies in her stomach.

• **Shel Silverstein.** He published several books of poems for kids including "Where the Sidewalk Ends" and "Falling Up."

• A. A. Milne. He invented the Winnie the Pooh characters when he was telling bedtime stories to his son, but he also wrote poems like "Now We Are Six" and "Wind on the Hill."

• Lewis Carroll. He wrote a few famous stories about a girl named Alice, but he wrote poems, too. One very silly one is "The Jabberwocky," which has a lot of

Activity: Write a haiku

These can be hard to write but a lot of fun, too. The rules are: The first line should be five syllables, the second line should be seven syllables, and the third line should be five syllables. Here's a silly example.

This is a haiku. It was really fun to write. And now it is done.

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JAMES STEVENS

Writing a poem

It's fun to write poems, and you can be as creative as you want. Your poem can rhyme or not rhyme. Your poem can be very short or very long, about real things or things you make up. Here are a few you might like to try.

• Acrostic. For this kind of poem, the first letter of each line spells out a word. You can use your name, or maybe try MOM or MOTHER and get a poem ready for Mother's Day next month.

• Haiku. This kind of poem is only three lines, but each line has a specific number of syllables. The first and last line have five each, and the middle line has seven.

• Limerick. These are short and often silly. The rules are this: They are five lines long. The first, second and fifth lines rhyme, and the third and fourth lines rhyme.

nonsense words but is fun to read.

They often tell funny stories or jokes.

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