

WRITE YOUR OWN SHAPE POEM

If I Could Eat the Stars includes shape poems about animals.

The poem's shape matches the poem's subject and the shape is just as important as the text.

Let's take a look at Bren MacDibble's 'Hairy Jeremy'.

HairY
Jeremy a
 dog a
 short-legged, crazy, lazy
 jiggly, wild, sausage-like
 fat dog

Pick an animal, brainstorm adjectives to describe it and arrange the words in the shape of the animal.

Write your word list here:

Create your poem here:



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DIY POETRY

Right Way Down encourages experiments with language. Collaborate with poet Jake Bamford! Fill in the blanks of his poem with your own word choices.

To Be a Jellyfish

Tendrils in the world's flow

Body floating amidst cool hues

Phasing of light pierce from above

Drowned valleys sprawl below

From echo to tiniest scurry

A living rainbow washes the shelves

A place for to exist

To explore:

Sentinels with armour,

Scuttling from cove to crevice.

Ancient sauntering overhead,

Feasting on the unseeable.

An orchestra of hearts,

Sharing the same rhythmic currents.

Onwards I drift, past the of life –

Invisible

I make no demands,

Guided by the of the sea

My destination is hidden in the shifting deep.

I between the beginning and the end.

Comfortable

Existing.

JAKE BAMFORD



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