Poetry ROCKS!

Use special stones you will find in the Garden to create your own poem. Rhyming optional.

Where do we start?
Go out to the Garden and find some very special stones behind the Tempietto. Look closely, these stones have words on them. Big words and small words, plain words and flowery words. Let’s use them to make a poem.


What is a poem?
A poem is ...
» a piece of writing
» made of words chosen for their beauty and sound
» made with words carefully arranged to make a picture, scene, or idea in your mind
» often composed in short lines that rhyme, but remember, rhyming is optional.

Let’s make a poem with our Poetry Rocks.

TWO SHORT POEMS

Peacefulness
by Paul Holmes
Calm as a river
Tranquility in my heart
Blue summer skies reign.

Spring
by Unknown
Yellow flowers,
Leafy trees,
Poky bush,
Brilliant sky,
Stony rocks,
Lovely grass,
Happy me.

GET INSPIRED
What will your poem be about? Here are some tips on how to get ideas in the Garden.

CHOOSE WORDS
Once you have your idea, pick out rocks that describe your idea and assemble your poem.

RECORD YOUR POEM
Write your poem down below, or snap a photo of the poetry rocks with your phone.

INSPIRE SOMEONE ELSE
Leave the rocks of your poem behind for other visitors to read and enjoy.

Jot down your finished poem here or on the back of this sheet. Or take a picture with your phone and post it to #philbrook #poetryrocks: