

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.

Take a deep breath. What do you **smell**? Look around. What do you **see**? Listen closely. What do you **hear**? Reach out. What can you **feel**? Or, close your eyes and imagine your favorite place in nature.



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:
