



# Animal Poetry



Imagine you're an animal,  
then write a simple poem.



Everyone can be a poet!

1. Go outside. Find a pleasant spot in your yard, in a park, or other natural environment.

- Pick an animal to think about—any animal! Close your eyes and imagine that you are the animal in its natural environment.
- Where does it travel?
- What do other plants and animals look like from your animal's perspective?
- How long does it live?

2. Write a poem in any style. (Do this inside or outside) Turn this paper over for writing prompts and suggestions.

If you would like to share your poem, please drop off a copy at the Youth Services desk with your name on the back. Copies will not be returned.

3. Are you looking for more poems? Find poetry in the 811 section at the library.

Here are some suggestions for prompts:

**Haiku** Originated by the Japanese, this poem consists of three lines of five, seven, and five syllables each. The emphasis is syllable, not rhyming.

For example:

The hawk soared over  
Spirit bird in my living  
Guide to harmony.

**Diamante** This poem is in the shape of a diamond. It can be used to show that words are related through shades of meaning from one extreme to an opposite extreme, following a pattern of parts of speech like this:

noun  
adjective adjective  
participle participle participle  
noun noun noun  
participle participle participle  
adjective adjective  
noun



egg  
light bright  
living stretching growing  
bird beak wing flight  
soaring seeing seeking  
feathered fluid  
raven

