## What is poetry?

Now that you've written lots of poems of your own, you can help tackle this age-old question. Lots of people have some ideas about what poetry can be... but the truth is, nobody has a final answer. Poetry can be many things - and poets like you are always writing new poems and inventing new kinds of poetry. Fill in the blanks in these bubbles with your own ideas. A word game A way of discovering what without you mean to say An answer to any rules questions you can't answer any other way A way of saying what you'd never say otherwise A poem is... A snapshot of what's on A kind of music made of words your mind A message in a bottle Fearless Lucky Stubborn Inspired Silly Honest A poet should be... Stylish

Angry



## Poems about poetry

Poems that try to explain what poetry is, what it's for, and how it should be written are called **ars poetica**. This means the **art of poetry** in Latin.



"The fate of poetry is to fall in love with the world." Derek Walcott Saint Lucian poet

Write your own ars poetica here:

## **Usborne Activities**

Idle

Instinctive



Patient