

Ideas For Writing Poetry

Have a go at writing a list poem. They are good fun and very satisfying. Don't worry about making rhymes but do think about the words you choose – they need to sound pleasant to you and to put pictures in your mind.

First of all, make a list of five things that would cheer you up if you were having a bad day.

Here's mine:

Five Things To Cheer Me Up

Pale yellow butter melting on toast.
A brown dog dozing by my feet.
Birds singing in the trees about my head.
A good book in my lap.
Peace and quiet in the sunshine.

Now think about someone else and think of five things that would cheer them up. How about a rabbit, (a row of carrots in an empty garden...) or the Queen, (a caravan holiday by the sea perhaps) or anyone or anything that pops into your head.

You can even write this kind of poem about inanimate objects.
For example:

Five Things To Cheer Up A Chair

Being placed on a beautiful silk carpet.
A ten-minute leg polish with bees wax.
A sign that reads 'No person over 50kg to sit on this chair'.
Getting re-upholstered in a fabric of its choice.
Being placed near a window with a view of the sea.

...Have fun!