

POETRY TEMPLATE

Fill-in-the-blanks prompts to help you get started writing your poem. This template works best for lyric-style or free-verse poems but can also be adapted to other forms.

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Title:

(Choose a word or phrase that hints at the emotion or theme)**Example:** *Shadows Between Stars*

Stanza 1 – Introduction (Set the Mood or Scene)

(Where are you? What's happening? What feeling leads the poem?)

In the _____ of _____, I hear the _____ of _____. The _____ hangs like _____, And my thoughts _____ through _____.

Stanza 2 – Development (Explore Deeper Emotions or Images)

(What are you thinking, feeling, remembering? Use metaphor or sensory imagery.)

The _____ tastes like _____, While _____ dances in my mind. I carry _____ in my _____, And I dream of _____ I left behind.

Stanza 3 – Shift or Climax (Conflict, Realization, or Change)

(Introduce a twist, internal struggle, or realization.)

Suddenly, _____ breaks the silence, Like _____ tearing through _____. I remember _____ I tried to forget, And the truth begins to _____.

Stanza 4 – Conclusion or Reflection (Closure, Hope, or Open Ending)

(Reflect on the journey. Are you changed, healed, or still lost?)

So I _____ beneath the _____ sky, Letting _____ fall from my hands. Not everything broken needs _____, Some things are beautiful when they _____.

Tips for Customizing:

- Replace the blanks with your own nouns, verbs, images, or emotions.
- Don't worry about rhyme—focus on rhythm and mood.
- Read it aloud as you go to hear the natural flow.
- Use your own life, dreams, or surroundings for inspiration.