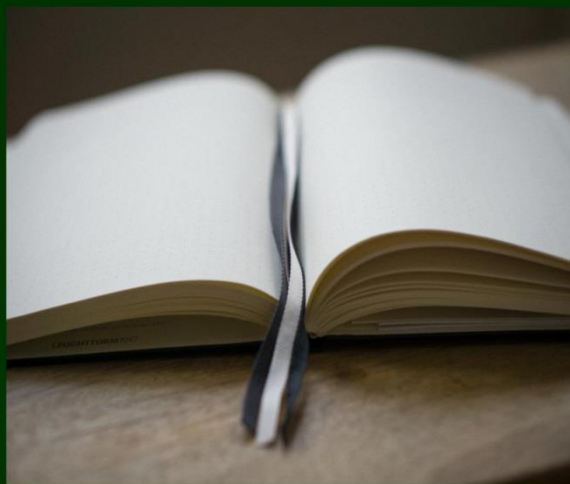


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Day 1: Reminder

Write a poem that takes the form of a reminder. It can be to yourself, or someone else. It can take the form of a formal reminder, or an informal one.

Day 2: Acrostic

An acrostic poem is a simple form poem in which the first letter of each line spells out a word. For example

Acrostic poems
Contain within each first letter
Representing a word arranged
On purpose for poetic value
Specifically to show
The value a word can possess
In using each first letter
Consciously

Day 3: Ekphrastic

Ekphrastic poetry is poetry inspired by a work of art. Find a piece of art that moves you and write a poem inspired by it.

Day 4: Dialogue

Write a poem that takes the form of a dialogue between two people. They can be real people, imagined people, or even historical figures.

Day 5: Monologue or Speech

Write a poem that takes the form of a monologue or a speech. It can be you, or someone else talking.

Day 6: False Fact

Our histories, both personal and otherwise, are filled with things that we thought we used to know. The world is flat, this person was a friend, etc etc. Write a poem about a fact that turned out to be fiction.

Day 7: Short Poem

Write a very short poem. No more than 2 lines long, no longer than 10 words.

Day 8: Sing The Lame Song

I sing the song of Hercules...

Notice how all the poetic epic songs are written to people who did amazing things? Why not write a poem that sings the song of the factory worker, the check-out person, or the garbage man?

Day 10: Obsolete Item You Love

Sometimes we have a hard time letting go of things that the rest of the world has moved beyond, a VHS player, an old cell phone, a certain video game system, or something else. Write a poem about an obsolete item you still use and love.

Day 11: Woman You Admire

Write a poem about a woman in your life, or through history, that you admire.

Day 12: Man You Admire

Write a poem about a man in your life, or through history, that you admire.

Day 13: Cost Inflation

"I remember when a hamburger cost a nickel!"
Maybe you do, maybe you don't But we've all seen the
price of something go up over time. Write a poem
about an item or service that used to cost less than it
does.

Day 14: Letter

Write a poem that takes the form of a letter. It can be to another person, to a person in history, or even to your past or future self.

Lined writing area consisting of 18 horizontal lines for composing a poem.

Day 15: Thank You Note

Write a poem that takes the form of a thank you note. It can be to someone you know, someone whose had an impact on your life, or even to an object. It can be serious, or silly.

Day 16: Apology

Write a poem that is an apology for something. It could be something you did, something you intend to do, something you didn't do. And it can be funny, or serious.

Day 17: Mentor

No one is an island. We are all who we are today because of the great role-models in our lives. Write a poem to or about someone who has been a good mentor to you.

Day 18: There Was A Time

Write a poem that starts with the phrase:

"There was a time..."

Day 19: There Was A Place

Write a poem that starts with the phrase:

"There was a place..."

Day 20: Tanka

The Tanka, or "short poem," is one of the most well known and well-used forms of Japanese poetry. In the ninth and tenth centuries, this style of short poems dominated Japanese poetry styles and it was one of if not the most popular form of original Waka. *Kokinshu* is one of the earliest collections of tanka.

A Tanka's form is five lines.

5

7

5

7

7

31 syllables in total in the original Japanese.

Day 21: Faith

We all have faith in something. Normally we associate faith with religion, and while this is true, we also need faith to wake up in the morning, believe the sun will come back, leave our houses during the day. Write a poem about something you have faith in.

Day 22: Cure

Medical science is always looking for cures. But what about things that don't need to be cured? Write a poem about a possible cure for something that is not a disease. Such as a cure for red hair.

Day 23: One Question

Let's say for a moment that the universe opened itself up to you to answer one question and one question only. What would that question be? Write a poem about it.

Day 24: False Promise

Heroes keep their promises. But not everyone is a hero. Write a poem about a false promise.

Day 25: Prophecy About You

For many years people told prophecies about the coming of many spiritual and religious figures. Imagine if someone were to write a prophecy about you before you were born. Write a poem about it.

Day 26: Time Period

Some people say they were born in the wrong century. Write a poem about a specific time period that you find appealing.

Day 27: Street Poem

There's such a thing as street poetry, but this is something different. Write a poem about the street you grew up on.

Day 28: Iambic Trimeter

Write a poem in Iambic Trimeter. That is a poem with lines of unstressed and stressed syllables stretching three feet each.

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Day 29: Firsts Poem

There is a first time for everything. Write a poem that has to do with the first time you ever did something.

Day 30: Lasts Poem

Everything must come to an end. Write a poem about the last time you did something.



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