

SHAPE POEM

A **Shape Poem** is a poem where the words form a shape. The shape of the poem and the words of the poem help to communicate the same thought. The words of the poem can create or follow the outline of the shape or can be squashed and stretched to fill up the space inside a shape. A **Shape Poem** can be made of individual words or sentences. A **Shape Poem** is also known as a *Concrete Poem* or a *Calligram*.

Use the suggestions below to write a **Shape Poem** of your own.

1. Choose a topic for your **Shape Poem**. Brainstorm some words or pictures for your poem. Ask yourself some questions about your topic: *What are some things (animals, places, foods, vehicles, items) that remind you of your topic? How does it make you feel? What is something that it can do? How could it be described using all five of your senses?*
2. Create a design plan for your **Shape Poem**. *Do you want the words to create the outline for your shape? Do you want the words to fill up your shape? Do you want to use individual words, short phrases, or sentences?*
3. Write your finished **Shape Poem** on the other side of this paper. Cut out your poem and glue it into your *Poetry Notebook*.
4. Share your **Shape Poems** with us! Share your poem on our Facebook, Instagram, and Twitter pages at @MaryRuthBooks or by email to admin@maryruthbooks.com.