

# April: Poetry Month

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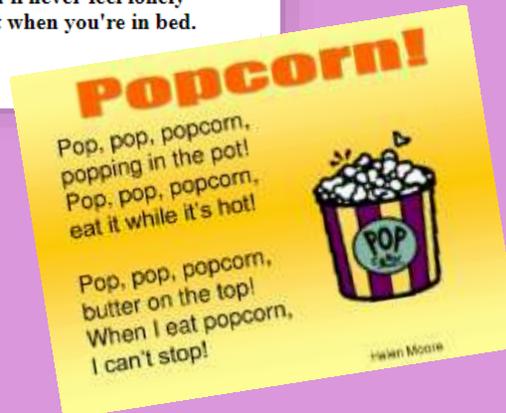
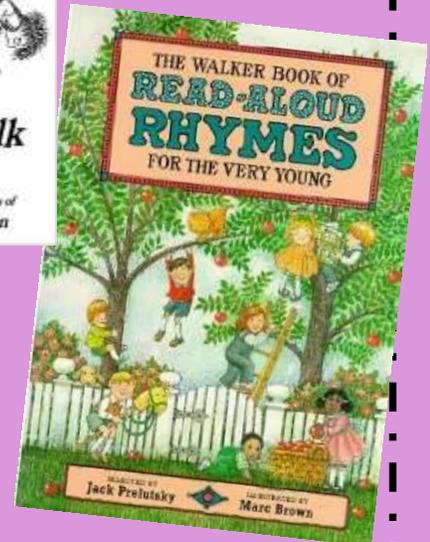
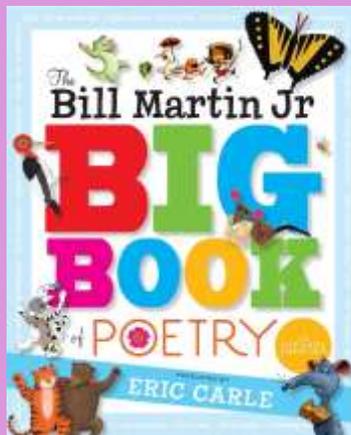
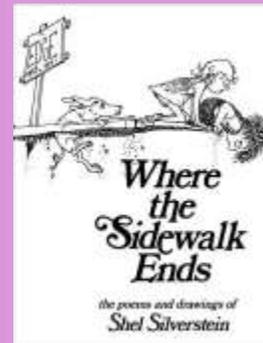
## Keep A Poem In Your Pocket

By Beatrice Schenk de Regniers

Keep a poem in your pocket  
And a picture in your head  
And you'll never feel lonely  
At night when you're in bed.

The little poem will sing to you  
The little picture bring to you  
A dozen dreams to dance to you  
At night when you're in bed.

So --  
Keep a poem in your pocket  
And a poem in your head  
And you'll never feel lonely  
At night when you're in bed.



## Poetry Links:

[Reading Rockets Poetry](#)

[KSRA Family Reading Resource](#)

[Family and Friend Poems](#)



## Poetry can be fun!

### Encourage reading across genres

Not only do good readers read often, they also read widely—they read many different kinds of things. Encourage your child to read a variety of materials, including:



- **Nonfiction texts** about his hobbies and subjects that interest him.
- **Instructions**, how-to guides and recipes.
- **Magazines** and newspapers.
- **Poetry** collections.
- **Biographies** about influential people.
- **Comics** and graphic novels.

### Have fun with acrostic poems

Encourage your child to write an acrostic poem. Have him pick a word or a name and write it in a vertical line. Then, he should brainstorm words that describe that topic. The catch is that each word has to start with a letter in the initial word!



Source: K. Nesbitt, "How to Write an Acrostic," Poetry4Kids.com, niswc.com/acrosticpoems.

### Performances enliven poetry

April is National Poetry Month! So it's the perfect opportunity to add poetry to your child's life. Visit the library with your child and check out several books of poetry—both silly and serious. Then challenge everyone in your family to memorize and recite a poem. With your child, plan a special performance, and be as creative as you'd like. You might set a poem to music, act it out or say it quickly. No matter how you perform, the key is to enjoy yourselves!



Source: K. Nesbitt, "How to Host an Open Mic Poetry Party for Kids," Poetry4Kids.com, niswc.com/poetryperformances.

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