

'What I Care About' Poem

English II CP
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Directions: Write a poem of at least 15 lines where you list things that are important to you. Rather than telling the reader things that are important, try to use images that show the reader what is important. For example, rather than saying "I care about cookies," show the reader a "hot chocolate chip oatmeal cookies fresh from the oven." When you have finished this poem, each line is potentially another poem since you can expand each thing you care about into a poem that specifically tells why that thing is important. The best poetry is about things you care about.

Example:

Green

Morning cups of tea
Words that leap and glisten and cry
Aching muscles and worn Nikes
Anything green
And the perfect dissonance

Yellow daffodils
Blue ice on mountain slopes
Orange and black torture
Green tips of new grass pushing out of rich loam

Woodsmoke and
Chocolate chip oatmeal cookies fresh from the oven
Pine needles and cinnamon and
Umeboshi onegiri with chisou

Loon songs over Swede Lake in the evening with my mom
A breath of fresh air on a beach in Kupang
Caomei bing sha with Justin, Erika and Luke on a muggy day in Ningbo
Rotemburo and hot spring waterfalls at Kamuiwakka with the one I love

The voice of the Spirit moving across the waters.