

# Thanksgiving Poetry

**Thanksgiving** poetry challenges students to record their feelings in a beautiful and inspiring way in 12 lines. It may be written as an expression of thankfulness or as a prayer.

**T**hou art Lord. I thank thee for my  
**H**ouse and my life and  
**A**lso for my friends  
**N**ear and far.  
**K**now that I am thankful for  
**S**hoes on my feet and food in my stomach, for  
**G**reat stars in the skies.  
**I** love flowers with their  
**V**ibrant rainbow of colors.  
**I** am thankful for living in a  
**N**ation that is free.  
**G**od, I thank thee for everything thou hast given me. Amen.

*Julie McAfee*



## Suggestions

Brainstorm and list things students are thankful for. Encourage them to express a thought which is begun and finished in the twelve lines. If it is a prayer, students should try to arrive at a conclusion. If it is an expression of thanks for country, family, health, etc., they should try to make the last words create a feeling that the poem has been finished.

Students can create an old-fashioned sounding poem by using Old English words such as thou, thee (you), art (are), hath (have), maketh (makes), etc.

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**Thanksgiving** poetry tells what you are thankful for. Each line begins with one of the letters in the word "Thanksgiving."

**1** Make a list of things you are thankful for.

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_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____

**2** Use the items in your list as you write. Arrange the sentences so that each line begins with a letter in the word "Thanksgiving."

**T** \_\_\_\_\_

**H** \_\_\_\_\_

**A** \_\_\_\_\_

**N** \_\_\_\_\_

**K** \_\_\_\_\_

**S** \_\_\_\_\_

**G** \_\_\_\_\_

**I** \_\_\_\_\_

**V** \_\_\_\_\_

**I** \_\_\_\_\_

**N** \_\_\_\_\_

**G** \_\_\_\_\_

**3** Copy and illustrate your poem.