

# write a poem with me

The Voices of Children is a poetry and music project to explore expressions in interdisciplinary art forms. Poetry and music have great educative power, and are expressive mediums that have highly therapeutic effects on the mind. Through creation we develop mutual understanding between individuals. The project consists of a call-for-poem exercise, and poem exhibition, and a public performance of the music written based on the selected

## cut-up

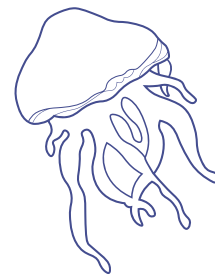
You can create poems exploring chance and the (re)combination of existing text to create your own.

### **A Jelly-Fish** by Marianne Moore

Visible, invisible,  
A fluctuating charm,  
An amber-colored amethyst  
Inhabits it; your arm  
Approaches, and  
It opens and  
It closes;  
You have meant  
To catch it,  
And it shrivels;  
You abandon  
Your intent-  
It opens, and it  
Closes and you  
Reach for it-  
The blue  
Surrounding it  
Grows cloudy, and  
It floats away  
From you.

#### Materials needed

- Scissors
- Paper
- Glue stick or sticky tape



#### Instructions

1. Cut out a selection of words from the poem on the right
2. Mix the words in a bag or in your hand
3. Pull out words and lay them on a piece of card or paper and arrange them at your choices
4. You can also do this with articles you find from a newspaper or magazine

Write your poem using the submission sheet, and send to the following address by 20 Nov

The Talking Shop  
The Courtyard,  
Scotch Quarter,  
Carrickfergus,  
BT38 7DP

Your work will be exhibited at the Carrickfergus Museum in December 2023

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