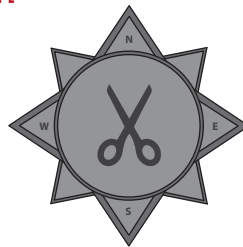# WRITE A GREETING CARD POEM

Okay, we are going to seek out your sensitive side. It can't be all getting our hands dirty.

Now, you know when you get a greeting card, there is a poem inside. Well, that's not going to warm a person's heart, a prefabricated poem that you bought off a store shelf. No, you need to be able to create your own, so that you can melt their heart.

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Write two greeting card poems for people close to your heart, and then pluck up the courage to send them.

So, here are some tips:

• Know your goal. Are you cheering a person up, expressing love, or being humorous?
• "Roses are red, violets are blue," avoid using clichés, it's just the right thing to do.
• Rhyme if you want, but don't overdo it. Otherwise it will feel forced, and everyone will know it.
• If you are going to rhyme, make it easy. Don't finish a line with "orange" and then spend an hour looking for a word that will rhyme. There are rhyming dictionaries out there, which are helpful.
• Use metaphors and artistic imagery.
• Understand, this is a statement coming from your heart. It may not be perfect, but it is not a cookie cutter Hallmark offering for two dollars from the supermarket.

For my mom's birthday I wrote this:

Few things in life can ever match, the sweet love my mother's heart.
Always there, with a smile, full of care, full of life.
A compassionate spirit of unconditional love,
You made me what I am, you truly, truly are a gift from above
I love you, Mom.

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