

Poetry prompts - 2

Choose a “hot” word such as ; Damn, good-bye, anger, she, poetry

then write an 8 line poem; The first line has one word (your chosen word), the second line has 2 words, third line 3 words, fourth line 4 words. Then 4 words, 3 words, 2 words, 1 word.

Write a poem “In praise of failure” but use no more than 4 words on any line. Make it as song as you like.

Write a paragraph or two on a topic that is “alive” in you; perhaps something like “Why I am too sad” or “What I really want” or “Someday I will” or “I wish I hadn’t said that” ...

After you write the paragraphs, read them to yourself or someone else. Underline words or phrases that pop out – that are important. Form a poem from these phrases – only start at the end of your paragraphs. So the end thoughts of your paragraph will become the beginning of your poem and work you way up to where you started.