

How to Write a Skinny Poem

This clever format was dreamed up by poet Truth Thomas. It's all about capturing a vivid image using the absolute tiniest footprint possible. The rules are below as well as a sample poem by Danna Smith and a template to guide you. Let's see how much punch we can pack into a slim silhouette!

It Could be a Lie

When someone lies
everything
else
they
say
everything
becomes
questionable
changes
everything
when someone lies

sample
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Template (print & write)

I	_____	1 & 11 same words
2	_____	2, 6, 10 same word
3	_____	
4	_____	
5	_____	
6	_____	2, 6, 10 same word
7	_____	
8	_____	
9	_____	
10	_____	2, 6, 10 same word
11	_____	1 & 11 same words

The Rules are Simple:

- Eleven lines
- Second, sixth, and tenth lines are identical
- All lines are one word, except the first and last, which may be longer, but must use the same words (rearranging these words is permitted.)

