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and when the sun peeks out once more,  
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# HAIKU POEM

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**Autumn is the best**

5 syllables

**Yellow, red, brown, leaves fall down**

7 syllables

**What a gorgeous sight!**

5 syllables

# ACROSTIC POEM

An acrostic poem is when a word or person's name is written vertically down the side of a page. These letters are used to begin each line of the poem. The acrostic, which usually does not rhyme, is written to describe the chosen word or person.

## JOANNA

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**O** One of a kind  
**A** A great friend  
**N** Nice  
**N** Neat  
**A** Amazing

## SLED

**S** So fast  
**L** Love it  
**E** Exciting  
**D** Down the hill

# CINQUAIN POEM

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