



**HOW TO LEARN POETRY BY
HEART**
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1. Read through once. Look at any vocabulary you don't understand, discuss the poem's meaning with your friends.
2. Find the poem's rhythm. If it helps, clap your hands or click your fingers while reading the poem out loud.
3. Read clearly, slowly and with expression. If you want to add actions to help you remember it - then do.
4. Enjoy yourself. There is a reason we say learn it by heart - if you understand and love poetry you will see the world differently. You will also be able to borrow some of the phrases, ideas, words in your own writing.
5. Don't rush - learn a couple of lines at a time.
6. Help one another! Poetry should be heard - not read silently.