



Poetry prompts towards your Poem-a-thon

Poets for the Planet is founded on the belief that words matter, no action is too small and no idea too trivial to entertain. We hope to aid and inspire groups across the country and beyond to transform words into action.

We have gathered some prompts below which you can use and share to help inspire poems based around the idea of engaging with the environment, ecology and climate emergency.

- Imagine how rising sea levels will affect coastal towns you know. Walk along the coast and imagine how far inland the tide might come, or look online at communities already affected in other parts of the world. Compose a short poem visualising the changes.
- Find an image that resonates with you of something linked to climate change and write around it. For example, Australia is burning. Write an elegy



- Gorillas, sea turtles, Scottish wildcats, even giraffes are all endangered species. Imagining you're one of them, what would you say to us?

- What sound or smell from nature would you miss most if it disappeared? Write a poem describing what it means to you and why.
- What would happen to your own body if it slowly became extinct?
- Look out of the window and find one detail in what you see outside. Write a haiku that could be used on a protest placard, online post or postcard.

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