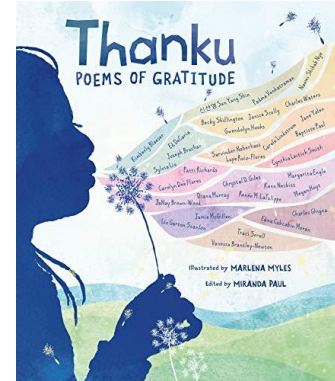


How to write a **MATH POEM**

A **math poem** combines words with math and follows the format of a mathematical equation.

This can be a basic equation, *or* it can be a bit more complicated. The poem below by Becky Shillington is an example of a math poem.



mountains
trees
oceans
+ sun
nature's gifts
4every1

To write your own math poem, follow these steps:

1. Decide what kind of equation you'd like to use as your outline—addition, subtraction, multiplication, etc.
2. Think of the theme of your poem. Do you want to write about nature, your family, hobbies, pets?
3. Brainstorm ways to get these two ideas (your equation type and your theme) to come together. Write down every idea that comes to mind! (This is the fun part! 😊)
4. Create your equation!

BONUS STEP 5—share your math poem with *Thanku: Poems of Gratitude* authors by asking a grownup to tag @BeckyShillingtn on Twitter!

As you get more adventurous, you can use fractions, graphs, and other mathematical elements. And always remember to follow the order of operations! There is NO limit to what you can create with this fun poetic format!

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