



### Write your own “I love” poem

Children love poems, especially poems with a rollicking rhythm and rhyming pattern.

Poems with a simple, repetitive structure are easy for children to transform and make poems of their own.

The traditional camping song *I love the mountains* is great for engaging children in learning about language and poetry writing.

Children quickly memorise the poem and use it to write their own. Even those not yet writing can use the base words and pictures to create their own songs. Beginners quickly learn sight words, and more advanced writers extend their written vocabularies.

### Teach the poem

Display the poem *I love the mountains* (Page 2) on the interactive whiteboard.

Point to each word as you sing the poem to the children.

Invite the children to join in as you sing it again, and again.

Take turns singing; for example: you sing the first line, they sing the next; all join in on the chorus; or girls sing one line and boys the next; or one half of the class sing one line, and the other the next.

Have fun singing until the children know the song, its rhythm and its structure.

### Model writing a poem

Display the template (Page 3) on the interactive whiteboard.

Explain that you can write an “I love” poem of your own.

If you wish, use Page 4 “Things we love” to brainstorm ideas first. The list can be used by children as a reference when writing their own poems.

Complete the poem using the whiteboard tool to write the words.

Read and sing the poem with the children

### Children write their own poems

If desired, print one copy of the template (Page 3) for each child. Alternatively children could write in their writing books.

Invite children to share their poems with each other, and with the class.

Children could “publish” their poems inside a card to give to a parent or other loved one; for example on Valentine’s Day, Mother’s Day, Father’s Day, birthdays, or any day.

### Publish the poem in a card

It is easy to make a card:

- Fold a piece of A4 paper or light card in half.
- Write the poem on the inside of the card.
- Decorate the card.
- Or use the ready-to-print card on Page 5.

### Helpful resources

readilearn poems

[I love Christmas in Australia](#)

[I love Christmas in the North](#)

[I love Christmas template](#)

### External resources

YouTube video of [I love the mountains](#) (song)

YouTube video of [I love the mountains](#) (with actions)



# I love the mountains



(a traditional camping song)

I love the mountains

I love the rolling hills

I love the flowers

I love the daffodils



I love the fireside

When the lights are low



Boom-te-rah-dah

Boom-te-rah-dah

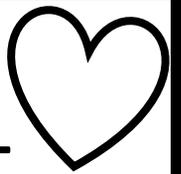
Boom-te-rah-dah

Boom-te-rah-dah



I love

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By

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I love

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When

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Boom-te-rah-dah

Boom-te-rah-dah

Boom-te-rah-dah

Boom-te-rah-dah



# Things we love



