

Auto-bio Poems



Choose three of the following five formula poems. Each poem should deal with an aspect of your life and show something not dealt with in any other writing you have done for this autobiography. Bonus--Try them all!

Someday. . .

Begin each line with the word *Someday. . .* and complete it with a wish that you have. Make the first two or three say something about your every day wishes and slowly move away from yourself to the world in general. End the writing with the word *Someday. . . .*

One Window Is All I Need. . .

Begin your poem with the line, *One window is all I need*, and continue to write about this imaginary window in a personal way. For example:

One window is all I need
To revolve in and out of myself
To pass through adventures
With people and life
To return to myself
And grow.

The Important Thing About. . .

This formula is great to use when writing about a person. I've also used it to write about holidays, abstract concepts (i.e. Democracy, Honor, etc.), book characters, and famous events.

Line#1: The important thing about (name) is (most striking attribute)

Line#2: He/she is also _____

(list other attributes)

and

Last line: But the most important thing about (name) is

(Say what was said in line #1 in another way)

Capturing The Moment

This formula freezes an instant in your life and examines various aspects of it.

Line#1: Adverb or Adjective

Asleep

Line#2: I was _____

I was dreaming

Line#3: Verb or Adjective

Content

My Earliest Memory

In my _____, near the _____,
next to the _____ while _____ with _____

(3 emotions or feelings)

_____ were there as _____ (tell what happened)

_____ (reaction to the event)

their/his/her expression(s) turned to _____

(noun)

(adverb or participle)