

Two -Voice Poetry

What is a Two-Voice poem?

Two-voice poetry is written for two people to perform. The poetry usually has two columns—one for each person who is reading the poem. Each person reading the poem reads the text in one of the columns. Sometimes, the poet wants the two readers to say something at the same time; so the poet writes the words on the same line in each column. These poems often sound like a dialogue for two people.

How do I write poetry for two voices?

Just like all poetry, poems for two voices need an idea. Nature makes great subject matter for poetry for two voices, but two voice poems can also be written about school, current events, or events in literature.

In writing your own poem for two voices, think about ideas that need discussion or make for great dialogue. List 3 ideas from your own life that might make for good poetry with more than one voice.

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- 2.
- 3.

With your writing partner, or in groups, brainstorm a list of words that are important to your idea. (You don't have to use all of these, but ask other poets what words they would use about this topic).

Begin crafting your poem into two columns—one column for each speaker in the poem.