

Poetry About Home



Poetry offers a different way to express yourself. There are many styles of poems. Below are two styles. Try them!

- 1) A cinquain poem includes five lines as shown below. Visit this “Read, Write, Think” page to see sample cinquain poems and a graphic organizer to write your own. https://www.readwritethink.org/sites/default/files/resources/lesson_images/lesson43/RWT016-1.PDF.
- 2) “I Am From,” which starts each line with “I am from...” Learn more about “I Am From” poems at: <https://www.eleducation.org/resources/i-am-from-poems>

No Place Like Home

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Home
Relaxing, loving
Peaceful, comfortable, careful
No place like home
Safety

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Where I’m From

Dorease

I am from Soul Train, from Sulfur 8 and Afro Sheen cosmetics

I am from bacon sizzling, hair straightening, gospel playing

I am from the Aloe Vera and the olive oil

I am from family walks after dinner and singing around the piano, from Jaqueline and Kenneth and The Walkers

I am from the West Indian culture, love & respect and love yourself first before demanding it from others

From “A hard head makes a soft behind,” and “Your eyes may shine, your teeth may grit, but none of this treat you gonna get”

I am from a Christian home

I am from Jamaica by way of New Jersey and plantains & curry goat

From my grandma Doris waking me up for Saturday chores, the smell of Pine Sol and Ajax Cleaner

I am from a line of strong Queens.

Dorease was an adult education student at Project Hope in Boston, Massachusetts. In 2011, her writing was published on <https://nelrc.org/managingstress/poetry.html>.