

Poetry Idea Starters

- A bad dream
- A ghost
- Your city, town, or neighborhood
- An important life choice you've made
- Spring, summer, fall, or winter
- Something most people see as ugly but which you see as beautiful
- Jealousy
- An event that changed you
- A place you visited -- how you imagined it beforehand, and what it was actually like
- The ocean
- Forgetting
- The speed of light
- Reflections on a window
- A newspaper headline
- Your greatest fear
- Your grandmother's hands
- A particular toy you had as a child
- Being invisible
- A time you felt homesick
- Birthdays
- A favorite food and a specific memory of eating it
- An imaginary city
- Driving with the radio on
- Life in an aquarium
- Dancing
- Walking with your eyes closed
- What a computer might daydream about
- Time travel
- Brothers or sisters
- Camping
- A zoo
- A historical event from the perspective of someone who saw it firsthand (You will have to do some research for this).
- A time you were tempted to do something you feel is wrong
- A superstition you have
- Someone you admire
- A particular color

- Being underwater
- A person whose life you're curious about
- Your mother's perfume
- Falling asleep or waking up
- Growing older
- The feeling of getting lost in a book
- Night-time