# Poetry Starters - Write a poem about:

1. Night-time
2. A particular color
3. Being underwater
4. A person whose life you're curious about
5. Your mother's perfume
6. Falling asleep or waking up
7. Growing older
8. The feeling of getting lost in a book
9. How to know if you're in love
10. A bad dream
11. A ghost
12. Your city, town, or neighborhood
13. An important life choice you've made
14. Spring, summer, fall, or winter
15. Jealousy
16. Becoming a parent
17. An event that changed you
18. A place you visited -- how you imagined it beforehand, and what it was actually like
19. The ocean
20. Forgetting
21. The speed of light
22. A voodoo doll
23. Reflections on a window
24. A newspaper headline
25. Your greatest fear
26. Your grandmother's hands
27. A particular toy you had as a child
28. Being invisible
29. A time you felt homesick
30. Having an affair, or discovering your partner is having one
31. Birthdays
32. A favorite food and a specific memory of eating it
33. An imaginary city
34. Driving with the radio on
35. Life in an aquarium
36. Dancing
37. Walking with your eyes closed
38. What a computer might daydream about
39. Time travel
40. Brothers or sisters
41. Your job, or a job you've had
42. Weddings
43. Leaving home
44. Camping
45. A zoo
46. Intimacy and privacy
47. A time you were tempted to do something you feel is wrong
48. Physical attraction to someone
49. A superstition you have
50. Someone you admire
51. Write about the taste of: an egg, an orange, medicine, cinnamon
52. Write about the smell of: burning food, melting snow, the ocean, your grandparents' home, the inside of a bus, pavement after the rain
53. Write about the sound of: a radio changing channels, a dog howling, a football or baseball game, your parents talking in another room
54. Write about the sight of: lit windows in a house when you're standing outside at night, someone you love when he or she doesn't know you're watching, a dying plant, shadows on snow
55. Write about the feeling of: grass under bare feet, a really bad kiss, the head rush when you stand up too fast, sore muscles, falling asleep in the back seat of a moving car.
56. Rain, snow, or a storm
57. An animal you think is beautiful or strange
58. Your parents or children
59. How a kiss feels
60. The house where you were born
61. A smell that brings back memories
62. Being a teenager, becoming an adult, middle age, old age
63. Feeling lonely
64. The moon
65. Getting lost
66. Marriage or divorce
67. An imaginary friend
68. Life in the future
69. The hottest, coldest, or most exhausted you have ever felt
70. Having a fever
71. A new version of a fairy-tale
72. The shapes you see in clouds