

TRINITY GUILDHALL

Foundation: poems to read, learn and perform

Introduction

Poems help us to enjoy and understand our world and the people in it; but we can also enjoy poems themselves because of the interesting words, rhythms and ideas contained within them.

We can read a poem quietly to ourselves but once we speak it aloud we are performing the poem and we have to find the best way to share the wonderful sounds and ideas that we have discovered with our audience.

All the poems in this section are suitable for performing: many of them are written by living writers from many different countries.

Before you perform a poem to somebody else you should understand every word and be able to explain what it is about and why you have chosen it. You will also need to discover the most effective way to help your listener to enjoy it too.

Some of the poems in this collection are written by very young people.

You might try writing your own poems too.