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Poetry I like

Start keeping a list like this for yourself. You may find it easier to create an online file so that you can add to it.

Title	Author	Age range	Notes
<i>A Great Big Cuddle: Poems for the very young</i>	Michael Rosen	3 upwards	Projects on toys, animals and made up creatures. Great fun and wonderful for phonological awareness.
<i>Benjamin Zephaniah's Nature Trail</i>	Benjamin Zephaniah	3 upwards	Minibeasts, gardens . . . make your own nature trail . . . a lovely rhyming book with illustrations that could spark children's, own artwork.
Over the Hills and Far Away	Elizabeth Hammill (ed.)	3 upwards	Wonderfully illustrated collection of nursery rhymes from all over the world.
<i>Plum</i>	Tony Mitton	5–9	Particularly like 'Instructions for growing poetry' – useful as a model for writing.
<i>Blue Balloons and Rabbit Ears</i>	Hilda Offen	5–9	A mix of traditional rhymes and new ones. Particularly like 'That's ridiculous' section.

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<i>Message from the Moon</i>	Hilda Offen	5–9	Great fun. I love both collections.
<i>My Life as a Goldfish and other poems</i>	Rachel Rooney	5 upwards	Lots of different poems but enjoy the title poem for its humour and layout!
<i>Dreams for our Daughters</i> and <i>Songs for Our Sons</i>	Ruth Doyle, illustrated by Ashling Lindsay	5 upwards	Both collections are great read-alouds and beautifully illustrated for book- sharing, but also very good for talking about relationships.
<i>A–Z – the Best Children’s Poetry from Agard to Zephaniah</i>	Michael Rosen (ed.)	6–11	A taster of poets to help children decide to look for more. ‘Poetry champions’ – reading as many poems by a chosen poet as possible and sharing them with the class.
<i>Under the Moon and Over the Sea; a collection of poems from the Caribbean</i>	John Agard and Grace Nicholls.	6 upwards	Captures the sights, sounds and experiences of the Caribbean as well as what it is like to leave. Read alongside <i>The Journey or Arrival</i> .
<i>Where My Wellies Take Me</i>	Michael and Clare Morpurgo	6 upwards	Not really an anthology but some lovely poems and a good model for children making their own scrapbooks with poetry.
Yapping Away: Poems to fill the world with laughter	Joshua Seigal	6 upwards	Poems to make you laugh out loud – with very useful notes at the back of the book.
Werewolf Club Rules	Joseph Coelho	6 upwards	Funny, relevant to children’s lives. Just read for fun!
<i>Poems Aloud</i>	Joseph Coelho	6 upwards	Poems made to be performed. My favourite: ‘Objects with Voices’ – lots of scope for making up even more. . .

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<i>All Kinds of Poems for All Kinds of Kids</i>	David Harmer	6 upwards	This collection has a lot of shape poems – fun and good models for children’s own writing. And some intriguing and lyrical ones too.
<i>Book of Nature Poetry</i> (National Geographic Society)	J. Patrick Lewis, (ed)	7 upwards	A wide collection of poems about the wonders of the world. Cross curricular. . .
<i>Dark Emperor and other Poems of the Night</i>	Joyce Sidman	8 upwards	Beautiful illustrations and some spooky poems
<i>Once Upon a Rhythm: The story of music</i> <i>Once Upon an Atom: Questions of science</i> <i>Once Upon a Raindrop: The Story of Water</i> <i>Once Upon a Star: The Story of Our Sun</i>	James Carter	8 upwards	Brilliant for science teaching in an upbeat way.
<i>Stars with Flaming Tails.</i>	Valerie Bloom	9 upwards	Such a great variety – some about sadness, some about joy!

Children’s books

- Agard, John and Nicholls, Grace (Eds.) (2011) *Under the Moon and Over the Sea; a collection of poems from the Caribbean*. Walker Books. ISBN 9781406334487.
- Bloom, Valerie (2021) *Stars with Flaming Tails*. Otter-Barry Books. ISBN 9781913074678.
- Carter, James (illustrated by Willian Santiago) (2020) *Once Upon an Atom: Questions of science*. Caterpillar Books. ISBN 9781848579835.
- Carter, James (illustrated by Nomoco) (2020) *Once Upon a Raindrop: The Story of Water*. Caterpillar Books. ISSN 9781848579873.
- Carter, James (illustrated by Mar Hernandez) (2019) *Once Upon a Star: The Story of Our Sun*. Caterpillar Books. ISBN 9781848578913.
- Coelho, Joseph (2014) *Werewolf Club Rules*. Frances Lincoln Children’s Books. ISBN 781847804525.
- Coelho, Joseph (illustrated Daniel Gray-Barnett) (2020) *Poems Aloud*. Wide Eyed Editions. ISBN 9780711247680.
- Doyle, Ruth (illustrated by Ashling Lindsay) (2020) *Songs for Our Sons*. Andersen Press. ISBN 9781783448500.
- Doyle, Ruth (illustrated by Ashling Lindsay) (2022) *Dreams for Our Daughters*. Andersen Press ISBN 9781783448531.

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- Harmer, David (illustrated by Ted Schofield) (2021) *All Kinds of Poems for All Kinds of Kids*. Small Donkey. ISBN 9781912196395.
- Hammill, Elizabeth (Ed.) (2014) *Over the Hills and Far Away*. Frances Lincoln Children's Books. ISBN 9781847804068.
- Lewis, J. Patrick (Ed.) (2015) *Book of Nature Poetry* National Geographic Society. ISBN 9781426320958.
- Mitton, Tony (2010) *Plum*. Barn Owl Books. ISBN 9781903015858.
- Morpurgo, Michael and Morpurgo, Clare (2014) *Where My Wellies Take Me*. Templar Publishing. ISBN 9781783700561.
- Nichols, Grace (2013) *Cosmic Disco*. Frances Lincoln Children's Books. ISBN 9781847803986.
- Offen, Hilda (2014) *Blue Balloons and Rabbit Ears*. Troika Books. ISBN 9781909991033.
- Offen, Hilda (2017) *Message from the Moon*. Troika Books. ISBN 9781909991439.
- Rooney, Rachel (2014) *My Life as a Goldfish and other poems*. Frances Lincoln Children's Books ISBN 9781847804822.
- Rosen, Michael (2009) *Michael Rosen's A-Z – The best children's poetry from Agard to Zephaniah*. Puffin. ISBN 9780141324500.
- Rosen, Michael (2015) *A Great Big Cuddle. Poems for the very young*. Walker Books. ISBN 9781406343199.
- Sidman, Joyce (2010) *Dark Emperor and other Poems of the Night*. Houghton Mifflin Books for Children. ISBN 9780547152288.
- Seigal, Joshua (illustrated by Sarah Horne) (2021) *Yapping Away: Poems to fill the world with laughter*. Bloomsbury. ISBN 9781472972743.
- Zephaniah, Benjamin (illustrated Nila Aye) (2021) *Benjamin Zephaniah's Nature Trail*. Hachette Children's Books. ISBN 978140836 .

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