

Fractal Poetry: A Step-By-Step Guide

1. Write a poem whose last line loops back into its first line, so that it can be repeated over and over again.

- Your poem does not need to be long; five to ten lines is fine.
- Each repetition can be the same, or repetitions can all be slightly different.

2. Pick a simple shape related to the theme or idea of your poem. Draw it on the back of this sheet.

3. Think of a way to arrange your poem within that shape, and make a draft on the back of this sheet.

- Your poem should start and end on the edge of the shape. Mark the place where the poem starts with an *X* and the place where it ends with an *O*.
- You can draw the shape and place the words inside of it, or have the words themselves form the shape.

4. Create a fractal.

- Use scratch paper first.
- To make a fractal, take a smaller copy of your shape, and connect the *X* on the smaller shape to the *O* on the larger shape. Ten repeat.
- Once you have an arrangement you like, create your final fractal poem!