

## Poetry Samples

### Who Saw it Coming?

"Someday," she thought  
Doodling his name  
Idly – all along the border

"He might notice me"  
She peeked through her lashes  
"Maybe if I say something smart!"

She cast through her mind  
Looking for topics  
What was the teacher saying?

"A Rose for Emily?  
I know that story!  
The rat poison wasn't meant for him!"

She raised her hand  
The teacher looked shocked  
"Have I ever spoken in class before?"

"She wanted to kill her cousins!"  
She blurted out loud  
The whole class stared at her in shock

"Oh my gosh!  
I just made a fool of myself.  
I should haven't said anything out loud."

Discussion shot off  
Her point was dead on  
Embarrassment kept her head down

"Huh" he mused  
"Funny I never noticed.  
I never really looked at her before.

"That was a really good point  
It changes the whole story.  
I wonder what her name is."

She finally looked up  
She dared a glance  
He wasn't even looking her way

In fact, he was doodling  
Sharks and a ship  
Her comment was all for naught

She sighed a deep sigh  
What was the point?  
"Someday" she thought to herself

A poke to her back  
Startled her alert  
She turned with a quizzical glance

"I really liked your point"  
He whispered – looking shy  
"It changes the entire text"

"Right?" she whispered back  
Her face animated  
"Don't you look at it differently now?"

"I definitely do"  
He returned in hushed tones  
"I've never seen her like this before

"Say" he continued  
"Do you think we could grab  
A drink and talk about it some more?"

"I'd love that" she returned  
"Meet up after class?"  
He nodded and she turned around

"Huh. Who saw that coming?"  
She thought to herself  
"I've never noticed him before."

She looked up ahead  
Unaware that her shy smile  
Was mirrored behind her on his face

## The Yellow Scarf

The fringes whipped in the wind  
The colors danced around  
The scarf took on a life of its own  
With sunshine streaming down

The bright colors were so happy and gay  
Symbolic of how she felt  
For life was beautiful and oh so great  
She loved the cards that life had dealt

How could she not be happy,  
With all she had in life?  
The gospel, loving friends,  
She was also a mother and wife

And then the danger struck  
She never saw it coming  
Cars honked and screeched and crashed  
Siren sounds were humming

The scarf lay lifeless on the ground  
Its color still so bright  
But not now yellow, drenched with red  
As life gave up its fight

She was a wife, she was a mother  
She had so much to give  
She struggled to stay awake and alert  
There was so much life to live!

"It will all work out. I've called you home.  
It's time to come back to me.  
Your time is done. The next journey starts.  
Your family will be alright. You'll see."

She closed her eyes. Sighed her last sigh  
It was a relief to let the pain go  
Her spirit soared high as one EMT  
Used her yellow scarf to stop the blood flow

## Untitled

Silly, silly pride  
Silly, silly heart  
Which one now takes over?  
When all things fall apart

Heart exposes weakness  
Pride keeps you standing tall  
Heart will let you down  
But pride will cause your fall.

## Whodunits

A hat. A pipe. A smoking gun.  
Whodunit? Murder! Oh, such fun!  
Can you figure it out?  
What the clues are about?  
And is the butler the one?

Or is it perhaps someone else?  
Someone who strangles with belts?  
The judge? Or else the wife?  
Did she end his life?  
She HAS bruises and bumps and welts

But now – they've made the call.  
The evidence tells it all.  
The murderer saw stars  
And is now behind bars  
Oh, aren't whodunits a ball?

Go, Rah, Sis Boom Bah

Go. Rah. Sis Boom Bah.

Go. Rah. Sis Boom Bah.

Louder, louder the cheer begins to be

Go. Rah. Sis Boom Bah.

The cheer began so slowly, like waves upon a  
sea

Go. Rah. Sis Boom Bah.

It started out quite friendly, a cheer for you and  
me

Go. Rah. Sis Boom Bah.

But the cheer's become a roar, now no one can  
break free

Go. Rah. Sis Boom Bah.

"The other side must lose!" the cheer, it now  
cries out

Go! Rah! Sis Boom Bah!

The cheer goes on and on, "We'll bring our  
vic'try 'bout!"

Go! Rah! Sis Boom Bah!

The cheer has lost its fun; it's become a  
deafening shout

Go! Rah! Sis Boom Bah!

And just like that! Our wills are gone

Go! Rah! Sis Boom Bah!

Our prison becomes our truth; we'll trample the  
others down

**GO! RAH! SIS BOOM BAH!**

We, of course, are right – and on all else we'll  
frown

**GO! RAH! SIS BOOM BAH!**

The awareness comes that we are best,  
everyone else is wrong

**GO! RAH! SIS BOOM BAH!**

And to this knowledge we'll always hold true –  
"No one else will ever truly belong"

For You

The days pass by so quickly  
The seasons fly past on wings  
And every moment spent with you  
Becomes a song of joy my heart sings  
A song just for you

The time has come to say goodbye  
I struggle not to weep  
I know when you leave I'll think of you  
And see you in my sleep  
A dream just for you

We've had some good, we've had some bad  
But every minute worthwhile  
You always brought laughter to my eyes  
And to my lips, a smile  
A smile just for you

I need not despair when hope is so bright  
The future fills my view  
A future filled with you and me  
A future built for two  
A future just with you

I know in time we'll have a place  
A home where dreams abound  
And all our hopes will them come true  
When that place is finally found  
A place for me, always with you

## The Gift of a Brighter Day

The sun clouds over  
The fog creeps up  
Vision is shut off  
And all you feel is lost

You know not where to go  
You know not where you are  
All you know is darkness  
All you have is the certainty that you have fallen  
far

The blackness overwhelms  
You're tempted to give in  
When, in the back of your mind,  
A small, dim spark is lit

A memory stirs from long ago  
A child kneels in prayer  
A mother guides his halting words  
A father guards them there

You slowly remember the feeling  
The beliefs that once you held:  
The hope of a brightness  
The faith of a truth  
The promise of light divine

You know you must follow this feeling –  
Wherever it may lead  
And slowly the clouds give way  
The sun comes shining through once more  
Your soul sees the truth of a brighter day

You see so clearly when the darkness has gone  
It's clear why your life took that path  
You simply had to trust and hope  
And follow God's perfect plan

That He has one you can never doubt  
Though at times it's grim and hard  
But forging ahead, with a brightness of hope  
Will lead to eternal reward