

"I Am..." Poem

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"I Am" poems are a type of **format** poem. A few things to keep in mind when writing "I Am" poems are:

1. The lines in each poem begin the same way – I am... I wonder... I hear... (and so on).
2. Some sentences in each poem describe *imaginary* sights, sounds, and experiences. Other sentences express actual feelings.
3. The first line in each poem is repeated at the end of each stanza.
4. **Avoid the obvious and ordinary.** Think of things about yourself that are distinctive.
5. Don't be afraid to be different.

I AM...

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1st Stanza

- I am... (two special characteristics you have)
- I wonder... (something you are actually curious about)
- I hear... (an imaginary/real sound)
- I see... (an imaginary/real sight)
- I want... (an actual desire)
- I am... (the first line of the poem repeated)

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2nd Stanza

- I pretend... (something you actually pretend to do)
- I feel ... (a feeling about something imaginary/real)
- I touch... (an imaginary/real touch)
- I worry... (something that really bothers you)
- I cry... (something that makes you very sad)
- I am... (the first line of the poem repeated)

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3rd Stanza

- I understand... (something that you know is true)
- I say... (something you believe in)
- I dream... (something you actually dream about)
- I try... (something you really make an effort about)
- I hope... (something you actually hope for)
- I am... (the first line of the poem repeated)