**Week Six – May 18-24:** Study the Diamante and Haiku poem forms. You will need to submit two examples of each of these for a total of **4** poems this week. These two are harder than the first two and will take some practice. Use a dictionary to check your syllables.

## 3. What is a Diamante Poem?

What is a diamante? It is a **seven-line poem** that takes the shape of a **diamond.** But there is more to it than that! A diamante is a poem about opposites. Here is one about a lion and a lamb.

***Lion***
*Majestic, proud*
*Roaring, snarling, prowling*
*Mane, muscle . . . Fleece, fluff*
*Bleating, leaping, grazing*
*Meek, gentle*
***Lamb***

Diamantes rely instead on a carefully measured number of words to **describe two opposing things, places, emotions, or ideas**.

As you can see from the “Lion and Lamb” diamante, a series of **intentionally chosen words** tells about the first subject. Halfway through, a set of opposing words describes the second subject. Our sample poem starts with a feeling of strength, power, and pride before the tone switches to one of softness, gentleness, and peace.

How do I write a diamante poem?

To write a diamante poem you must follow the **poem’s simple structure**. This diamond-shaped poem always has **seven lines** that follow this sequence:

**Line A:** Topic A (must be a noun)
**Line B:** Two vivid adjectives that describe Topic A
**Line C:** Three interesting “-ing” action verbs that describe Topic A
**Line D:** Two concrete nouns about Topic A and two about Topic G
**Line E:** Three interesting “-ing” action verbs that describe Topic G
**Line F:** Two vivid adjectives that describe Topic G
**Line G:** Topic G (must be a noun)

Here is another diamante example:

***Light****Clear, brilliant*
*Glowing, shining, revealing*
*Mirror, candle . . . Whisper, shadow*
*Deepening, sleeping, shrouding*
*Black, quiet*
***Darkness***

<https://writeshop.com/writing-diamante-poem/>



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**4. What is a Haiku Poem?**

This ancient form of poem writing is renowned for its small size as well as the precise punctuation and syllables needed for its three lines. It is of ancient Japanese origin. It contains 17 syllables (in total) in 3 lines of five, seven, five syllables. Haiku poems are typically about nature and usually about a specific season. Writing a haiku requires careful attention to the syllables in words (you may need to use a dictionary to help determine the syllables).

Source: <https://www.familyfriendpoems.com/poems/other/haiku/>

**Peacefulness**

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Calm as a river
Tranquility in my heart
Blue summer skies reign.
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**Haiku Year (each month is a Haiku poem – for a total of 12 Haiku poems)**

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JANUARY
Delightful display
Snowdrops bow their pure white heads
To the sun's glory.

FEBRUARY
Fresh green buds appear
Indicating spring will soon
Energize us all.

MARCH
Lambs gambol in fields
Frisky with the joys of life
Bleating happily.

APRIL
Bluebells stand so proud
Beneath trees so sparsely dressed
Fresh green leaves unfold.

MAY
Much awaited sound
Echoes heard amid dense trees
Cuckoo has arrived.

JUNE
Parks and gardens burst
With sounds and vibrant colours
Perfect harmony.

JULY
Beaches become full
Of families having fun
In sand and big waves.

AUGUST
Ripe golden harvest
Burning sun in azure skies
Labours rewarded.

SEPTEMBER
Swallows congregate
On telephone wires ready
To migrate down south.

OCTOBER
Red and gold leaves fall,
Crunchy as cornflakes beneath
Feet on a crisp morn.

NOVEMBER
Frosty webs sparkle
In the early morning sun
Brightly bejeweled.

DECEMBER
First few flakes of snow
Dust gardens like icing on
A chocolate cake.

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