

Community Poem

Complete the phrase

Poetry has power...

- ① To demolish walls of monotonous lined paper
- ② open minds
- ③ to clarify
- ④ to excite the reader
- ⑤ to allow the writer to express himself
- ⑥ to be ambiguous; to mean what the reader needs
- ⑦ to spin our minds on the axis of hope.
- ⑧ to find the truth
- ⑨ is dangerous, seeking soul's prey
- ⑩ to capture a still image or a lifetime
- ⑪ to unite those who might be seen as different.
- ⑫ to be the cry for change
- ⑬ to change lives
- ⑭ to change perspectives
- ⑮ create appreciation and tolerance
- ⑯ to personify inanimate objects & make them ^{real}
- ⑰ to complicate while simplifying ideas.
- ⑱ to create pictures in your mind...
- ⑲ to frustrate and encourage.
- ⑳ to generate thinking and ideas
- ㉑ to lift your soul and motivate our energies toward the possibilities of tomorrow.
- ㉒ to show us the depth of our own understanding.
- ㉓ to give permission for silence

to strengthen the weak

because our minds and bodies give it power
deliver an emotional message
to transform the mundane to exciting
to open the mind, the body, the spirit
to breathe life into silenced voices.

demolish your fears and uplift you to new places of
enlightenment.

To entrance us with magic

to draw the transcendent into the
immanent, and the immanent ~~into~~ into
the transcendent

like thread through a needle. everything is
stitched with its presence.

open our eyes to new ways of seeing
to engage and enlighten
to challenge

us to think outside our comfort zone

To rock us like an unanswered question

To make a hole feel whole

to touch the dark and secret parts deep inside of ourselves

to heal the broken and strengthen the weak

We march down the busy streets of mediocrity
to speak truth

to incite thoughts/feelings that allow the person to
demonstrate multiple perspectives

to give voice to the voiceless

~~to captivate and shape our eyes~~ to shape our evolving identities

to ~~illuminate~~ ^{invoke} the human experience

to confuse or clear-up

to make me know I am a pair of ragged
claws scuttling across ocean floors

I know that poetry is not

something to be ignored

easy for everyone

one size fits all

always supposed to be serious

traditional

just style

without power, emotion and elaboration
read or taught enough suck up

Tangible

as difficult to teach as some believe

disliked as much as many believe

~~is~~ easy

a one style formula

sappy stereotypes or cheesy clichés

lofty, put on a pedestal, remote, cold...

always supposed to rhyme

just written by an old dude

liked by students

contrived

easily defined

limited possibilities

one dimensional

a "unit" of study

easy for all

a series of standards

interpreted by choosing a, b, c and

~~easy~~ always following a set structure

always ~~hard~~ original

hard always interpreted in the same way

something easy to teach
formulaic

as scary as it seems
Just words on a page
all about rules
expectations

something to be feared or dreaded

Boring x2
just for intellectuals

open interpretation
Easy

incorporates the thoughts & feelings of society
~~taught~~ shared enough.

taught in an interactive way
involved writer as much passion as it
should be

a leap that drops you down to the ground → sticks your soul
to the concrete

Contained by units of curriculum
Boring

~~Something that is not~~ what I
thought it was!
Poetry is not for the faint of heart!

a series of standards
introductory for creative writing