**Backroom Press Writing Competition 2023**

**Acrostic Poem Kimberley Theme**

**Tips and information**

**What is an Acrostic Poem?**

An acrostic poem is a poem of words or phrases that describes a topic word. The topic word is written vertically, and each line of the poem starts with the letters of the topic word, making this a fun, unique poetry form for kids and adults.

**How to Write an Acrostic Poem**

Think of a topic word and write it vertically in upper case letters. For young writers, start with 3-4 letter words. Adults may want to choose longer words.

Example:

O  
W  
L

Brainstorm words and phrases for each letter that describe your topic. Think of nouns, verbs, adjectives, and adverbs.

Example:

out at night  
oak tree  
observing below  
old  
one  
only  
  
wise  
wings  
wild  
who-who-whoo  
waiting silently  
watching  
  
leave  
looking  
lonely  
lantern eyes  
lunges for prey  
lulls me to sleep

Examples:

***O*** *ut at night****W*** *ho-who-whoo****L*** *ulls me to sleep*

***O*** *bserving movement below****W*** *aits silently before****L*** *unging for its prey*

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Prize categories: 3 Prizes for Children

3 Prizes for Adults

Have fun!