

**On the Other Side**  
a poem in couplets

**Some poetry terms:**

A **couplet** is a stanza with 2 lines in it.

A **stanza** is a verse, that has space above and below it – or, you can think of it as a poetry paragraph.

Poetry is separated into **lines** – you can think of lines like sentences, but without having to put a period. Often, poets don't use any punctuation at all.

**Writing assignment:**

Write a poem in couplets "On the Other Side". Keep going until you have at least 10 couplets. Make up a title when you're done – and don't forget to put your name on your poem.

And how about some poetry math before you begin? Here's a puzzle for you:

If you write 10 couplets, how many stanzas will you have?

**From the list below, choose the words that work for you, or make up your own.**

school

my friend

the phone

the window

the door

homework

the moon

darkness

time

the sun

the ceiling

the world

the pandemic

my mom

this life

my mind

the sky

spring

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**For example:**

On the other side of the door  
is a pineapple waiting to be eaten

On the other side of the pandemic  
people are glad that it is over

On the other side of school  
is staying at home and talking to my friends on the phone

On the other side of .... (add something)  
(and keep going)

**OR you can keep repeating the same first line**

**For example:**

On the other side of the door  
is a pineapple waiting to be eaten

On the other side of the door  
the pandemic is over and we're free

On the other side of the door  
my brother is talking on the phone

On the other side of the door  
(and keep going)