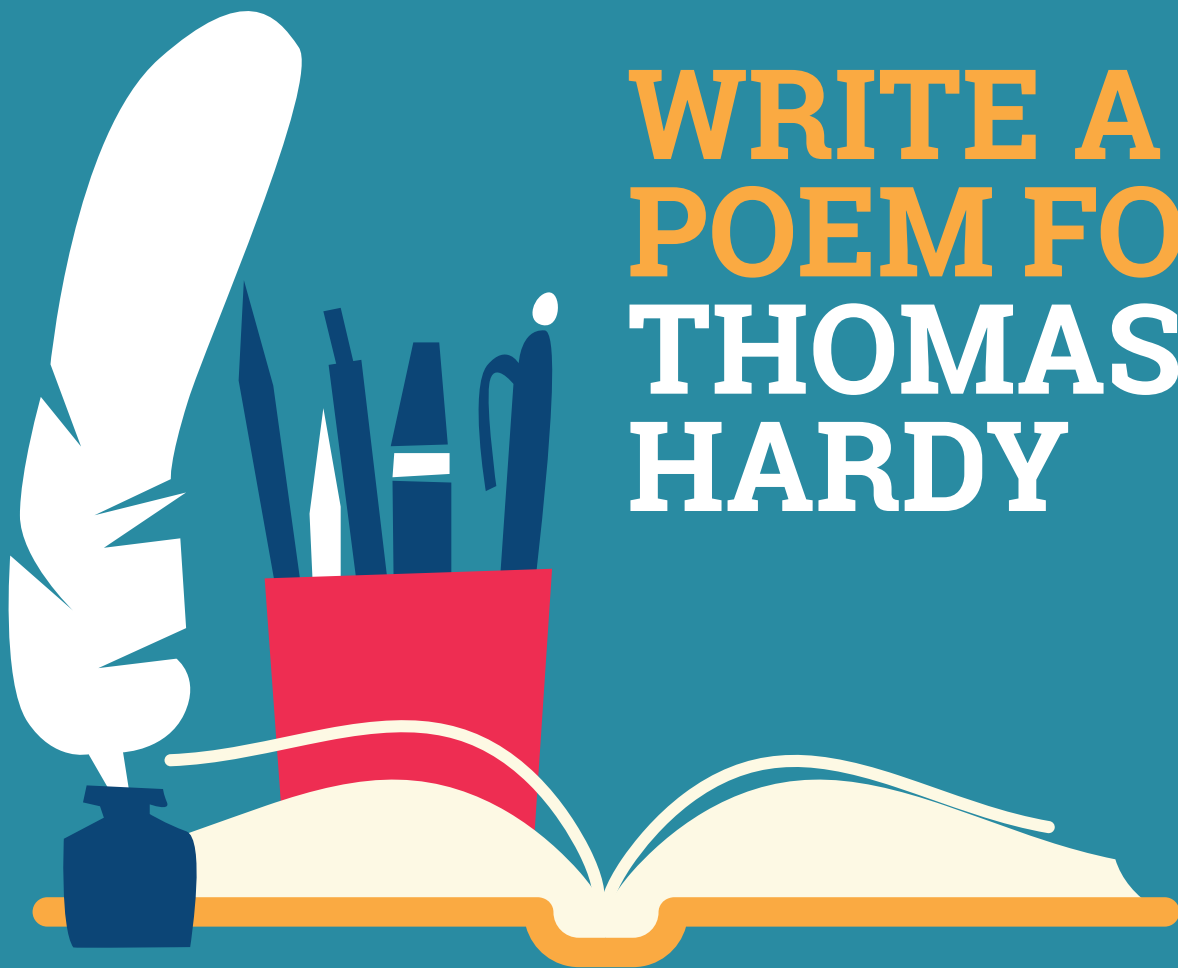


TOMORROW'S
MUSEUM
FOR
DORSET

**WRITE A
POEM FOR
THOMAS
HARDY**





It's Thomas Hardy's birthday on the 2nd June so we thought a nice way to show our appreciation for him is to use a way that Hardy would express himself- through poetry. We've made a word cloud from his commonly used words in his poems- you could select some words from this to include in your own poem?



Our example is about his birthday, but you might want to create a poem about what Hardy enjoyed, such as the countryside, nature or writing books!

**Oh Hardy today is your day
So we celebrate in a special way
We don't have a cake
But instead we can make
A poem to help say hooray!**

IT'S RHYME TIME!

TIPS ON WRITING YOUR OWN POEM

CHOOSE WORDS CAREFULLY

Before you start writing your poem, make a list of words that describe the subject- you can use words from our word bank or you can think about others that might help explain the mood and the setting of your poem.

So if the subject is about birthdays, your word bank might include words such like: happy, fun, excited, gifts, candles, cake, celebrate, balloon, yay, party... Use your senses to come up with words. What do you smell or hear? What do you see?

How do you feel? How do you want others to feel when reading it?

If you choose to write a rhyming poem, use a website to find words that rhyme with your list.

Oh Hardy today is your **day**
So we celebrate in our own special **way**
We don't have a cake
But instead we can make
A poem to help say **hooray!**

RHYTHM OF THE LIMERICK

Now to look at the rhythm of the limerick. It has a special name "anapaestic," but you don't need to remember that! What you see when you read or create a limerick is that the first two lines and the last line have three stand out 'louder' words in them, while the third and fourth lines have two 'louder words. So, the rhythm of a limerick looks like this:

da DUM da da DUM da da DUM
da DUM da da DUM da da DUM
da DUM da da DUM
da DUM da da DUM
da DUM da da DUM da da DUM

See how this stands out in ours:

Oh **HARDY** to**DAY** is your **DAY**
So we **CELEbrate** in **A** special **WAY**
We **DON'T** have a **CAKE**
But **inSTEAD** we can **MAKE**
A POEM to **HELP** say **HOORAY!**



Just remember these 5 rules for making a limerick to create your own:

1. They are five lines long
2. Lines 1, 2, and 5 rhyme with one another
3. Lines 3 and 4 rhyme with each other
4. Remember the rhythm
5. Make it funny!

We can't wait to see your creations- have fun!