Directions: Read through the sample forewords and annotate the good things that are being done and what you yourself could borrow or recreate in your own foreword…

Dear Readers,

I honestly do not think of myself as a good poet. Writing these five single poems wasn’t easy for me, but I pushed through. I’m satisfied with my final drafts of each poem.

Poetry to me is a great thing. I just don’t think I have the skill to write well like many others. Poetry can be simple, but it usually says a lot. None of my poems are very deep to make you think about them; although, my humanity mimic poem may make people take a second look at society.

I have learned that poems don’t have to rhyme. This is important to me because that was the most intimidating part of trying to write poems for me. I have bettered my writing skills; using more imagery, better syntax, and improved my diction significantly.

Each poem comes from a different experience. I put a little piece of myself into each of them. Enjoy.

Sincerely,

Student

Dear Readers,

**Po-et-ry**—the art of rhythmical composition, written or spoken, for exciting pleasure by beautiful, imaginative, or elevated thoughts.

Enough boring definitions and samples. Like that ever helps right? You’re probably thinking yes, I know what poetry is but what is the point of it? Well my friend, that’s where I come in. The answer is simple! Poetry is whatever you want it to be. It’s a way to express yourself in a way that doesn’t have to follow the strict grammar rules of the story writing world. One word stanzas or a lots of spaces, whatever you feel like doing, and there is no wrong way to do it!

Well writing in a way that is my own has never been a problem with me. I write about everything, pulling inspiration from the world around me and everything in it. The result of that gets you works of genius such as this anthology book.

This anthology is my collection of poems that have been inspired by my own personal experiences, my family and friends, and some thoughtful poets like e.e. cummings. I hope this book gives you an inside look into the mind of the great Student Name, no matter how crazy that might be. I hope this book gives you inspiration in—maybe—writing your own poems, or just something to look at. Whatever it is. I hope you gain something, anything, after you turn the last page.

So sit back and enjoy the show.

Yours truly,

Student