

# This Land Is a Lullaby

## Fill-in-the-Blank Poetry Activity



This guide will take kids through a fill-in-the-blank poetry activity and the book *This Land Is a Lullaby*. It is meant to help young children engage with poetry in a way that is fun and inclusive.

As you read the book, encourage kids to move their bodies by reading out the action prompts. Then, read the poem prompts for the corresponding page. Kids can record one-word answers for each prompt in their notebooks. At the end, they will use these words to complete their very own fill-in-the-blank poem!

Before the book

Action Prompt: Shake out your sillies before we get started!

Poem Prompt 1: How does singing and dancing make you feel?

Pages 1-2

Action Prompt: What is your spirit like? Show me with your body.

Poem Prompt 2: What is the name of your favorite place?

Pages 3-4

Action Prompt: What does swirling and whirling look like?

Poem Prompt 3: What's the coolest animal with wings?

Pages 5-6

Action Prompt: Close your eyes and put your arms out like you are floating into a dream.

Poem Prompt 4: What do you like to dream about?

Pages 7-8

Action Prompt: How do fireflies and dragonflies move?

Poem Prompt 5: What is your favorite dance move?

Pages 9-10

Action Prompt: Stretch out like a coyote. Swivel your neck around like an owl slowly.

Poem Prompt 6: What do you put your most special thing inside?

Pages 11-12

Action Prompt: Pretend that you are a storm (quietly). What does that look like?

Poem Prompt 7: If you could be any animal, what would you be?

Pages 13-14

Action Prompt: Show me rain with your fingers. It's just like playing piano.

Poem Prompt 8: Where is somewhere you can go to get out of the rain?

Pages 15-16

Action Prompt: Slowly sway your arms like the Northern Lights.

Poem Prompt 9: How does swaying gently make you feel?

Pages 17-18

Action Prompt: Show me what a moon looks like.

Poem Prompt 10: What do you think the moon is saying?

Pages 19-20

Action Prompt: Be very still and quiet. What do you hear?

Poem Prompt 11: What is your favorite way to travel around?

Pages 21-22

Action Prompt: Take five deep breaths. Let your belly fill up like a balloon each time.

Poem Prompt 12: What's your favorite color?

Pages 23-24

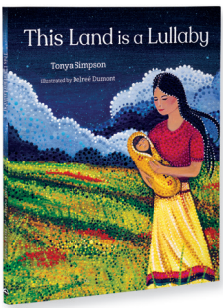
Action Prompt: Pretend you are inside an egg. Slowly break out of the egg and stand up tall and reach as high as you can.

Poem Prompt 13: What's one word that describes you?

After reading

Action Prompt: Get your last wiggles out.

Poem Prompt 14: How did the book and exercises make you feel?



# My Special Place

By \_\_\_\_\_



There is somewhere \_\_\_\_\_, sunny and bright  
Prompt 1

A place called \_\_\_\_\_ that I love to go  
Prompt 2



On the back of a \_\_\_\_\_, I fly across the night  
Prompt 3

To where the stars are made of \_\_\_\_\_ and where smiles grow  
Prompt 4

I only have to \_\_\_\_\_, and suddenly I'm there  
Prompt 5

And in this \_\_\_\_\_, I carry a piece of that place anywhere  
Prompt 6

Here, there are \_\_\_\_\_ by my side  
Prompt 7



And we can build \_\_\_\_\_ in the sand  
Prompt 8

If you're feeling \_\_\_\_\_ and would like to try  
Prompt 9



Come along and whisper \_\_\_\_\_; hold my hand  
Prompt 10

And we will \_\_\_\_\_ to this special place I know  
Prompt 11

Where in the trees, \_\_\_\_\_ flowers grow  
Prompt 12

Here, I remember I am \_\_\_\_\_, and I can do anything  
Prompt 13

And anytime I want to feel \_\_\_\_\_, I close my eyes and sing  
Prompt 14

