

Poetry Blossoms

Bursts of colorful blossoms lift our spirits—inspiring artists to capture them in their paintings and in poetry! Take some time to reflect on nature and what’s outside beyond your windows. Do you notice any buds on trees or beautiful flowers? This activity combines reflection, poetry, and art making to record the change of season around your home.

Activity contributed by Alex Wasalinko, Barnes volunteer.

Materials:

Pencil; pen; white paper (8.5X11);
colored pencils, crayons, markers;
scissors; tape

Instructions:

Step 1: Write a haiku about something you see outside your window.

A haiku is a form of Japanese poetry, often about nature. A haiku contains three lines, with five syllables in the first line, seven syllables in the second line, and five syllables in the last. It does not rhyme.

Step 2: Use a pen to rewrite your haiku in the center of a sheet of paper, and draw a flower shape around it.

Step 3: Color in your flower—make sure you can still read your writing.

Step 4: Cut out your flower haiku and tape it to your window to brighten someone’s day. Share with us at #BarnesatHome.



Qiu Ying.
*Woman on
Bridge - Woman
at Window*,
Late 19th
century



Haiku #1

Little pink blossom
Blowing in the morning breeze,
Hold on to your branch!

Haiku #2

Baby, new leaf green
Buds waking up from their nap,
Spring's transformation.