



Creative Writing Messages

Text Message List Poem

Preparation

Make a list of the text abbreviations you know and/or use. Share with others and discuss favourites as well as new ones to you. Now think of ways to use familiar ones to change into different meanings/messages.

For example, in the following poem illustration, the abbreviation *OTOH* – On The Other Hand – makes the following joke *I have five fingers too*. Ok, you make one that is funnier!

Select and write as many lines as you can before shaping into a list poem. When you have as many lines as you can devise, place them in interesting connections or contradictions with other ones. You might also want to edit and change lines when the whole poem starts to take shape.

Illustration of possible *Text Message List Poem*

IMHO this is the best poem you will ever read
 SWALK is harder on A4 envelopes
 U4E as long as it lasts
 OTOH I have five fingers too
 ATM I am thinking of the next line...