

# Poetry Puzzles

Bridges Poetry Group

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## Instructions

Place a 1, 2 or 3  
in each cell that is free  
If there's room for one more  
then you must include 4

Use 5 if you have to  
and how will you know?  
So EACH number appears ONCE  
in EACH column and row

When you've filled in each cell  
and the numbers are there  
you can then read the poem  
from the solved Latin Square

Read from left to right  
as you normally do  
the 1's give the first line  
next line's paired with 2

Continue this way  
till each number's been done  
a line for each number  
we hope you have fun

**Sample square gives:**  
*This is how  
the poem reads  
from the square*

3 from	1 is	2 reads
1 This	2 poem	3 square
2 the	3 the	1 how

## *Life's Gift* by Lisa Lajeunesse

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2			4
it	hearts	and	rift
	3		
When	joy	the	gift
4			
pour	is	do	sorrow
for	in	a	break

from *Ghazal: Resonant Air* by Sarah Glaz

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	2	3	
Suddenly	fragrant	trampolines	air.
4			
somersaults	leaf	air,	dances
through	in	rain	and
	1		2
on	summer	buoyant	leaps

*Environmental Problem* by JoAnne Growney

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2	5			4
starts	our	twice	wild	'til
just	huge	drink	are	one
	3			
A	day	tears	long	rain—
3		1		5
each	past—	and	our	gone?
	2	4	3	
all	to	how	the	freak