

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

*By Design* by Larry Lesser

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	1		4
Neither	experimental	blocking	Square.
		4	
With	of	Latinx	designed
4			3
It's	two	poem	gender:
1			
An	a	them	factors,

*Solstice Walk* by Daniel May

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		1	
Maybe	sun,	longest	tight.
			4
Westering	day,	handhold	light.
		2	
Snowy	still	bower's	night –
1	3		
Shortest	ride,	spaces	height.

from *May Rubaiyat* by Sarah Glaz

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	5			
smell,	forgotten	through	of	breeze.
		3	5	
Green	wings	atom	but	I
	4			5
Inhaling	in	of	window	Spring.
	1			3
on	light	everything	greed,	sweet
		4	2	
have	every	hasty	morning	screens