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**Earth. Music. Poetry.**



# What a Wonderful World

Watch and learn the  
sign language for  
[this beautiful song](#)  
performed by  
Louis Armstrong.

I see trees of green  
Red roses too  
I see them bloom  
For me and you  
And I think to myself  
What a wonderful world

I see skies of blue  
And clouds of white  
The bright blessed day  
The dark sacred night  
And I think to myself  
What a wonderful world

Yes, I think to myself  
What a wonderful world

The colors of the rainbow  
So pretty in the sky  
Are also on the faces  
Of people going by  
I see friends shaking hands  
Saying, "How do you do?"  
They're really saying  
"I love you"

I hear babies cry  
I watch them grow  
They'll learn much more  
Than I'll never know  
And I think to myself  
What a wonderful world

Words and music by Bob Thiele  
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# Earth Day Rhythm Haiku

5

  
PLANT

  
BEAST

  
SKY

  
BEAUTY

7

  
WATER

  
WIND

  
SUN

  
GIVE

  
POWER

5

  
ONE

  
EARTH

  
OURS TO

  
SHARE

This is my original haiku. It's easy and fun to write your own! Follow the instructions on the next slide and use the worksheet to create your own haiku.

Send your haiku to me at [leah.inger@k12.dc.gov](mailto:leah.inger@k12.dc.gov).

# I Can Create a Haiku

A **haiku** is a Japanese poem of three lines with a special pattern of syllables: line one has five syllables, line two has seven syllables, and line three has five syllables--and the lines don't rhyme. A haiku is often about the natural world, so Earth Day is the perfect inspiration for this kind of poem.

To get started, think of a topic, and make two lists of words--words with one syllable and words with two syllables--that fit your topic. Then, choose words from your lists to create your haiku.

There are two templates for you to choose from or you can create your own--maybe even illustrate it!



= one syllable





= two syllables

*I Can Create A Haiku*

**Step 1: Choose a topic**  
Select from one of the following topics or use your own.  
Earth Day      Spring      Storms      Nature

My topic: \_\_\_\_\_

**Step 2: Make a list of words related to your topic**

one-syllable words 	two-syllable words 

Remember that each *note head* represents one sound or syllable of a word. Feel free to change the rhythms to fit your words as long as you stick to the syllable pattern: 5-7-5.

