



An Ode to God

An ode is a form of poetry in which the writer considers an object of his or her devotion and writes a brief proclamation of that devotion, using imagery, simple observations, and heartfelt expressions of love. My favorite part of this definition is the word “simple”. If it doesn’t require complex structure and huge amounts of talent, I’m willing to try it! Use the following instructions, and the sample shown below, to see what you can come up with as you express your own love for God.

Instructions:

Start by addressing God (Oh, _____, _____)!

Tell Him what stands out to you about Him; what you see when you look at Him.

Use lots of adjectives; descriptive words

Use verbs to describe His activity

You can rhyme, or not rhyme, whatever mood suits you.

Use at least two of your senses in your description (sight, sound, touch, taste, smell)

Stretch your sentences or phrases over multiple lines and be brief

Try to maintain the same “rhythm” to your words throughout the poem.

Oh, Gracious God!

your love for me is overwhelming;

all vibrant intensity

and depth.

thank you for choosing me and

being my own.

Oh, Merciful Father!

I see the way you forgive

and give

and rain down gentle care.

wonderful drops that

touch my upturned face.

Oh Royal King!

you are all that i need; the robe

which covers me in grace.