

Here, four fourth graders—prompted by the [Yesterday, Today, Tomorrow Poetry Lesson](#) at WritingFix—were inspired to write the following poems. As they wrote and revised the final drafts you see here, they worked especially hard on their idea development and word choice. Read each poem, then be prepared to share where you see each poet excel with these to writing traits.

This writing is inspired by three songs: [Yesterday](#) (by the Beatles), [Today](#) (by the Smashing Pumpkins), and [Tomorrow](#) (from the musical [Annie](#).)

Yesterday, Tomorrow and Today
by Citalli, 4th grade poet



Yesterday is trouble and a wonderful day,
A sad and fantastic day,
A mysterious day.
The past, sadness, stress,
Drifting memories and history.
Yesterday is wisdom.

Today is a present that's from love.
Today is the sun that smiles brightly at us.
Today is a lucky day that we hope to have.
Today is the stars that are up high above.
Today are challenges that we learn to grow from.
Today is a significant day that we all love.

Tomorrow is hope that we care.
Tomorrow will shine like stars,
Birds will sing with delight.
Tomorrow is a very magical day.
Tomorrow is a huge daydream.

YTT
by Derek, 4th grade poet



Yesterday was odd and painful.
I cannot forget yesterday.
It just haunts me like a shadow.
I've lost friends and many things I've ever loved.
I have no regrets for anything I've ever done.
I fought by sides of many friends.
Most of them are truly dead.

Today is all my stress
Piled on top of me.
Today is success.
There is action everywhere I go,
Making things happen is what I do

Tomorrow is when all my hopes come together.
Tomorrow is a bright path of success.
I have faith in my future.
Tomorrow is new, a fresh start to make things right.
Tomorrow.
Tomorrow things will be alright.
Tomorrow.
Tomorrow things will go my way.
Tomorrow, Tomorrow...

Yesterday, Today, Tomorrow
by Vanessa, 4th grade poet



Yesterday was a day of enchantment,
Yesterday was a lovely day to play,
Yesterday was memories of joy.
Yesterday was love.

Today is stress that doesn't go away,
Today my parents are screaming at me,
Today is sadness.
Today things changed.

Tomorrow is a mystery to find,
Tomorrow I'll have faith in my dog
Tomorrow is a dream waiting to come.
Tomorrow is hope that will never change.

Past, Present, Future
by Genaro, 4th grade poet



Yesterday was a heartbreaking memory.
Yesterday I was very greedy.
Yesterday I lost everything.

Today I am making things happen.
Today is a happy day.
Today I did some amazing things.

Tomorrow I will fulfill my destiny.
Tomorrow I will make my dreams come true.
Tomorrow is the mystery we will never know.