

Inspired by the poetry collection-- [Fathers, Mothers, Sisters, Brothers: A Collection of Family Poems](#)—these two second graders wrote short poems about their families.

The [poetry lesson at WritingFix](#) that inspired these poems encouraged the writers to structure their poetry around repeating lines. With your class, discuss how effective the repetition is in these two poems. How does repetition add to *rhythm* and *organization*?

My Father

by Muhammad, second grade poet

My father has a smile,
His teeth shine,
His teeth shine.

He's excited when he sees me,
He is kind,
He is kind.

His cheeks go up when he comes home,
He seems fine,
He seems fine.

I am happy when he smiles,
He is mine,
He is mine.



Mom and Dad

by Madison, second grade poet

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Love to cook,
Love going on vacation,
Love to spend time with family.

Mom loves to read.
Dad loves to fish.
Mom loves hummingbirds.
Dad loves to dance.

Love family,
Love different things,
But they still love each other!

Mom and Dad
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