

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

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

Julie
by Allison, seventh grade poet



Julie is my cousin
She is a lot of things
She does a lot of things
With all that she is
And all that she does
I can't stand it
When she cheers for the
Boston Red Sox.

She is funny and brilliant, creative and friendly
Realistic and silly, stubborn and fun
Dazzling and unique, all rolled into one
A motherly genius, an up-to-date pal
Yet with all that she is
And all that she does
I just can't stand it
When she cheers for the Boston Red Sox.

She does many things
Loving, nice, helpful things
Like
When caring for Jenny and me
Letting us wake her up by tickling her
Helping with whatever we may need
Annoying, evil, nasty things
Like not listening to our chatter
Silencing us
Working
But with all that she is
And all that she does
I still can't stand it
When she cheers for the Boston Red Sox.

And yet
She's my best friend.

That's Why I Love Her
by Tara, seventh grade poet



My sister is mean, she's
nasty, she's filthy,
But that's why I love her.
She's rude, she's messy,
she's snobby, she's bossy,
But that's why I love her.
She's impatient, she's
pessimistic, she's lazy, she's crazy,
But that's why I love her.
She's loving, she's fun, she's friendly, she's
helpful,
And that's why I love her.

**Obnoxious, Reckless, and
Snobby**
by Jose, seventh grade poet



He may be obnoxious,
He may be gullible,
But he's still my favorite
cousin.
He may be reckless,
He may be rebellious,
But he's still my favorite cousin.
He may be snobby,
He may be stubborn,
But he's still my favorite cousin.
He may not be very smart,
He may not be the best,
But he's still my favorite cousin.

With all My Heart
by Olivia, seventh grade poet



I love my mom with all my
heart.
She's really pretty
And
Really smart.
She cooks as good as a
gourmet chef.
She's funny
And
Caring
And
When I get in a fight with my brother, she's the
ref.
She helps me when I'm in big trouble,
She's a mentor
And
A model
And
Very, very humble.
She sometimes makes me extremely angry but,
Either way,
I have to say,
I love my mom
In every way.
She respects my opinion
And
Takes care of me well.
She's my comfort blanket
Through the
Cold,
Dark
Winter.
I love my mom with all my heart...
And always will...
Until we part.