Alphabet Poetry

Alphabet poetry (or ABC poetry) uses the letters of the alphabet to create lines of the poem. Each line begins with the letter of the alphabet in order. An ABC poem can use a few of the letters or all 26 letters. Each sentence is related to the overall theme or topic of the poem.

Put It To Use:
Let us create an alphabet poem using the first five letters of the alphabet, A, B, C, D, E.

Step 1:
Write the first five letters of the alphabet vertically. You can either capitalize the letters or underline them.

Step 2: Think It Through
Now brainstorm some ideas on what you want your poem to be about. Your ideas do not have to relate to each other or the alphabet.

Brainstorms:
My favorite food, favorite cartoon, what I see on my way to school, what I want to be when you grow up, describing a parent or a best friend, what I want to do at my birthday party, my favorite animal, what is in my backpack, my favorite holiday, going to a fair/carnival.

Step 3: Write Your Poem
Make the first word of each sentence begin with the letter in the alphabet. The poem does not have to rhyme.

A girl went to the store to
Buy some flowers for her mother. She
Counted her money and saw she
Didn’t have enough. She wanted to cry but
Everything was better when the
Friendly cashier smiled and
Gave her the flowers for free.
Try Your Hand at Alphabet Poetry
Now it is time for you to give it a shot!

Challenge:
Use the first six letters of the alphabet to write an alphabet poem about a birthday party.

Step 1: Words to Work With
This can be either your party or someone else’s. You can talk about your last party, or what you would like at your make-believe party in outer space.

Step 2: Brainstorm
Think of different things about the party. You can talk about food, games, friends, presents, or all of the above.

Step 3: Write Your Poem
Write the letters of the alphabet in order vertically and use each letter to begin a word in your poem.