

## Found Poems

Found poems are a type of poetry “created by taking words, phrases, and sometimes whole passages from other sources and reframing them as poetry by making changes in spacing and lines, or by adding or deleting texts, thus impacting new meaning.”<sup>[i]</sup> This definition, from *Wikipedia*, is both a simple yet complete description of this type of poem. Poets.org, the website of the Academy of American Poets, expands on this basic definition: “Found poems take existing texts and refashion them, reorder them, and present them as poems. The literary equivalent of a collage, found poetry is often made from newspaper articles, street signs, graffiti, speeches, letters, or even other poems. A pure found poem consists exclusively of outside texts: the words of the poem remain as they were found, with few additions or omissions. Decisions of form, such as where to break a line, are left to the poet.”<sup>[ii]</sup>

<http://www.yalsa.ala.org/jrly/2015/11/find-poetry-using-found-poems-in-school-and-public-libraries-to-enhance-student-creativity-and-writing/>

### **BATHROOM**

#### **SHELVES**

One a day  
All Natural, Heart  
Healthy  
Eliminates odors  
Daily Moisture.  
Caress(ing)  
Suave  
Equate with Pert  
Cool (mint)  
An Edge.

### **Defining Dadaism**

Not officially a  
movement,  
It is  
artists **not** artists,  
It is art **not** art  
And this makes  
perfect sense.

But really  
Dada was a literary  
and artistic  
movement, not form,  
That began when the  
horrors of  
WWI were being  
played out  
On the front lawns of  
citizens.  
Intellectuals, mostly  
French and German,  
Congregated in  
Zurich  
And undertook the  
time-honored  
tradition of  
Protesting.  
They were fed up  
And their art became  
Mild obscenities  
Scatological humor  
Visual puns

And everyday objects.  
Shock art.  
The public was  
outraged.  
The Dadaists found  
this encouraging.  
And the name?  
“Dada” means “hobby  
horse” in French;  
To others it is baby  
talk.  
And this made sense  
to the intellectual  
artists.