

More Prevaricating...

Dragons exist
They love jazz music
And glow neon purple
They live in clouds
And are watching you from inside flowers.
-Cate Levey



Flowers chat with honeybees and butterflies
Create fairy dust
An fall in love with fireflies
They glow in the evening
And bathe in morning sunrays
Then slumber in the night
At the end of summer days
-Ashley Killgore



The above two poems by 7th grade students show that prevaricating poems can sound lovely as well as silly.

The sample below from a well published poet, Jack Prelutsky, shows the silliness of prevarication. Prelutsky writes many poems like this:

Purple Orangutans

Purple orangutans hurtle through space
silvery unicorns gallop in place
onions run races with noodles and spoons
monkeys emerge from inormous cocoons.

Turtles wear sweaters, and pickles wear wigs
talking tomatoes give lectures to pigs
peanut-size elephants flutter their wings
cantaloupes dance as a pineapple sings.

Bison ride bicycles, tigers fly kites
pelicans flicker their myriad lights
feathery fishes float high in the air
radishes wash their luxurious hair.

Rabbits and parrots play tag in the stars
marshmallows march in the meadows of Mars...
these are a few of the wonders I find
in the magic museum I keep in my mind.

Hopefully these poems will inspire you to write for your zine. Here are two other forms similar to Prevarication poems:

Useless Things

A spout without a hole
A Swiss without a roll
Ladders without rungs
Taste without tongues
A shepherd without sheep
A horn without a beep
Hockey without sticks
Candles without wicks
A pier without a sea
A buzz without a bee
A lid without a box
Keys without locks
A harp without a string
A pong without a ping
A broom without its bristles
Refs without whistles
A glacier without ice
Ludo without dice
A chair without a seat
Steps without feet
A heat without a head
A toaster without bread
A riddle without a clue
Me without you.

-Richard Edwards

Can You Imagine:

Rafts that don't float
Castles without moats
A ladder without a rung
Michael Jordan without a tongue
Soda without bubbles Bart Simpson without troubles
Elephants without trunks
Summer camp without bunks
Birds without feathers
Days without weather
A clock without time
A poem that doesn't rhyme.

-Libby Shapira

In **Useless Things** you'll see it's somewhat of a list poem of actual useless things...until the last line. Then what happens? As you write your Useless Things poem, make your last line like that...**something that is anything but useless!**

In both of these types you can't imagine them without **rhyme**. Notice the **steady rhythm** too. Keep this in mind as you write.