

Answer me this and be  
Brave in your reply  
Candid to admit  
Doubts  
Express  
Fears or  
Grievances you may be  
Harbouring  
Inside  
Jealously  
Keeping away  
Loving kindness from  
Moulding you to a

New  
Open  
Person  
Quite assured and  
Resilient  
Self-confident  
Tenacious  
Upstanding and  
Victorious.  
Who has that  
X-factor to achieve  
Your  
Zenith.

# ALPHABET POETRY

This is a poetry form that should be as easy as ABC, right! It is fun, but as always it takes some time and a thesaurus to create a clever zine-worthy piece of poetry.

You can begin with any letter in the alphabet and follow the letters in order for as long as you can keep it up. Of course, using all 26 letters is the major challenge (and you may go from A to Z or from Z to A (or both ways for one poem if you want a 52 letter challenge). The poems may consist of 26 words as in the two poems on the left or may be made of phrases along with words beginning with each letter as in the poem above left.

## An Alphabet Eating

**Experience** by Paul West,  
*the originator of alphabet poetry*

Artichokes, bubbly  
Caviar, dishes  
epicures favor  
gourmets hail.  
Ices, juicy  
kickshaws, luxurios  
mousses, nibblesome  
octopus, pheasant  
quiches, sweets  
Treats utterly  
vanquish weightwatchers  
Xenodochy's

**Capacity: 26 passengers sign in a bus** by John Updike, a notable author

Affable, bibulous  
corpulent, dull  
eager-to-find-a-seat  
formidable  
garrulous, humorous  
icy, jejune  
knock-about  
laden-with-luggage (maroon)  
mild-mannered, narrow-necked  
oval-eyed, pert  
querulous, rakish  
seductive, tart,  
vertiginous  
willowy  
xanthic (or yellow)  
young, zebuesque  
*are my passengers fellow*



## Another ABC

Absolutely breathless  
crossing  
dull-as ever freeways  
gazing hotly  
into  
just knickknacks  
lightly molding  
now  
or  
pushing queens  
round stalled traffic  
until verily,  
we explode  
ye zombies!



|             |          |         |             |          |
|-------------|----------|---------|-------------|----------|
| Parents     | babies   | jumpy   | girls       | a        |
| Quietly     | crying   | kids    | have        | broken   |
| Remembering | dawn     | leave   | interesting | cloud    |
| Something   | emerges  | mothers | junk        | drooled  |
| Touching    | from     | nervous | kept        | elegant  |
|             | grayness |         | lovingly    | feathers |
|             |          |         | 'neath      |          |
|             |          |         | old         |          |
|             |          |         | pictures    |          |

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