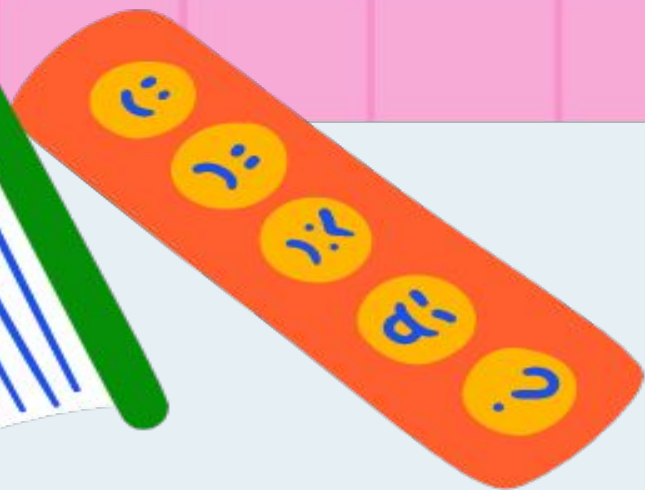


# Writing Lullabies

**Structure, Writing Strategies,  
Mood and Tone**

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# Writing Strategies:

## Tools that add to meaning

### Structure

How the text is set up:  
Paragraphs, stanzas, headers, bullets, etc.  
How words, sentences, and lines are structured: rhyming, same number of syllables, same parts of speech repeated in the same order (parallel structure)

### Literary Elements/ Devices

ex: metaphor, simile, characterization, conflict, repetition, alliteration.

### Mood and Tone

Mood: how does the text make you feel?  
What emotions?

Tone: what emotions is the author feeling?



# Twinkle, Twinkle, Little Star

Twinkle, twinkle, little star,  
How I wonder what you are!  
Up above the world so high,  
Like a diamond in the sky.  
Twinkle, twinkle, little star,  
How I wonder what you are!  
  
When the blazing sun is gone,  
When the nothing shines upon,  
Then you show your little light,  
Twinkle, twinkle, all the night.  
Twinkle, twinkle, little star,  
How I wonder what you are!

Then the traveler in the dark,  
Thanks you for your tiny spark,  
He could not see which way to go,  
If you did not twinkle so.  
Twinkle, twinkle, little star,  
How I wonder what you are!  
In the dark blue sky you keep,  
And often through my curtains peep,  
For you never shut your eye,  
Till the sun is in the sky.  
Twinkle, twinkle, little star,  
How I wonder what you are!  
  
As your bright and tiny spark,  
Lights the traveler in the dark,—  
Though I know not what you are,  
Twinkle, twinkle, little star.  
Twinkle, twinkle, little star,  
How I wonder what you are!

**Structure:** **Syllables**— all but two lines have seven syllables (usually, the lines that are different are the most important).

**Structure**— four stanzas, 31 lines

**Rhyming**— AABB

## Writing Strategies:

**Repetition**— First and second lines are emphasized

**Symbolism**— star= the listener

**Imagery**— light and darkness

**Mood/Tone** **Mood:** calm, happy, loved  
**Tone:** loving, hopeful

# Hush Little Baby

**Lulla-lulla-lullaby**

**Hush, little baby don't you  
Hush, little baby don't say a  
word**

**Papa's gonna buy you a  
mockingbird**

**And if that mockingbird don't  
sing  
Papa's gonna buy you a diamond  
ring**

**And if that diamond ring is brass  
Papa's gonna buy you a looking  
glass.**

**And if that looking glass gets broke  
Papa's gonna buy you a billy goat**

**And if that billy goat don't pull  
Papa's gonna buy you a cart and bull**

**And If that cart and bull turn over  
Papa's gonna buy you a dog called Rover**

**And if that dog called Rover don't bark  
Papa's gonna buy you a horse and cart**

**And if that horse and cart turn round  
You'll still be the sweetest little babe in  
town**

**La, la, la, la, la, la, la  
Hush, little baby don't you cry**

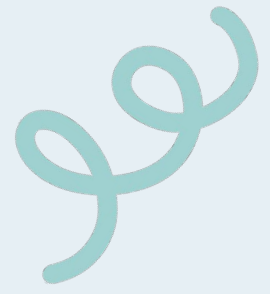
**Structure:** Syllables– Alternates 8 and 10 syllables except first and final two lines.

**Parallel structure–  
Structure– 9 stanzas, 20 lines  
Rhyming– AABB...**

## **Writing Strategies:**

**Repetition– “Hush little baby”  
Hyperbole– Are these things really  
going to be bought  
Imagery– Sights**

**Mood/Tone** **Mood: Calm, loved  
Tone: Soft, loving, pleading**



# Common Patterns

**1 Stanzas**

**2 Rhyming**

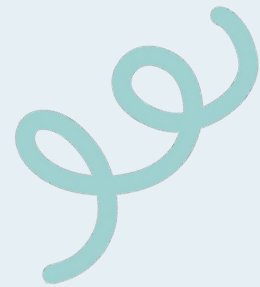
**3 Calming**

**4 Syllables**

**5 Repetition**

**6 Imagery**





# Common Theme Ideas and Symbols

## Theme Ideas

- 1 Friendship**
- 2 Love**
- 3 Safety/security**

## Symbols

- |   |  |
|---|--|
| <b>1 Cradels: caregivers love/support</b>                       | <b>4 Moon: light and comfort in darkness</b>                         |
| <b>2 Nature: peace, harmony, growth connection to the world</b> | <b>5 Deer: Gentleness, grace, innocence, protection/guardianship</b> |
| <b>3 Birds: Freedom, messengers, transformation/rebirth</b>     | <b>6 Angels: Protectors/guardianship (heavenly or earthly)</b>       |





**1**

### **Pick a theme**

What is a lesson you think children should learn?

**3**

### **Stanzas**

Break lyrics into lines and stanzas

**2**

### **Lyrics**

Short, simple, and concise lyrics.

Utilize writing strategies, rhyming words, and symbols

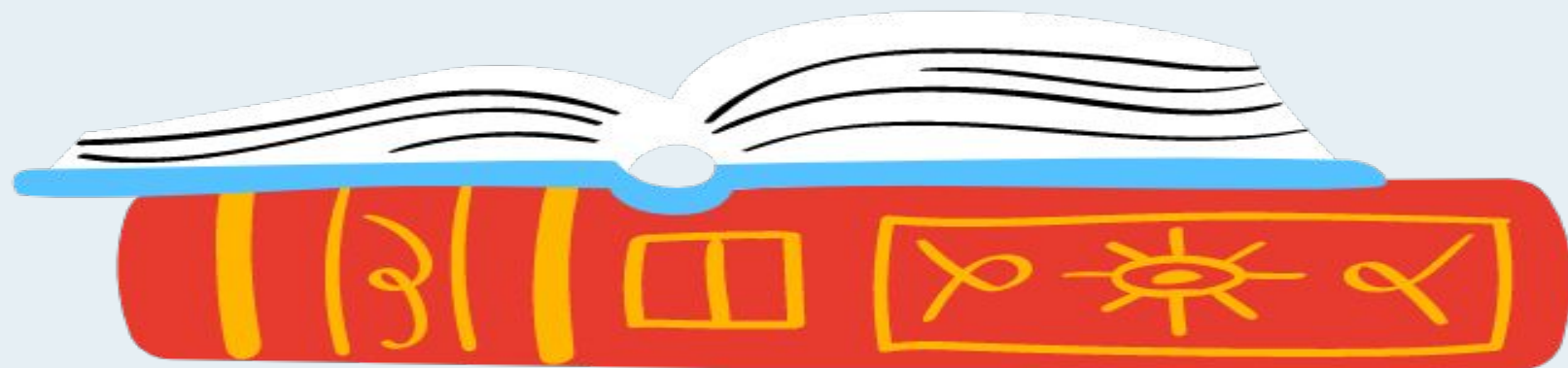
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### **Finishing Touches**

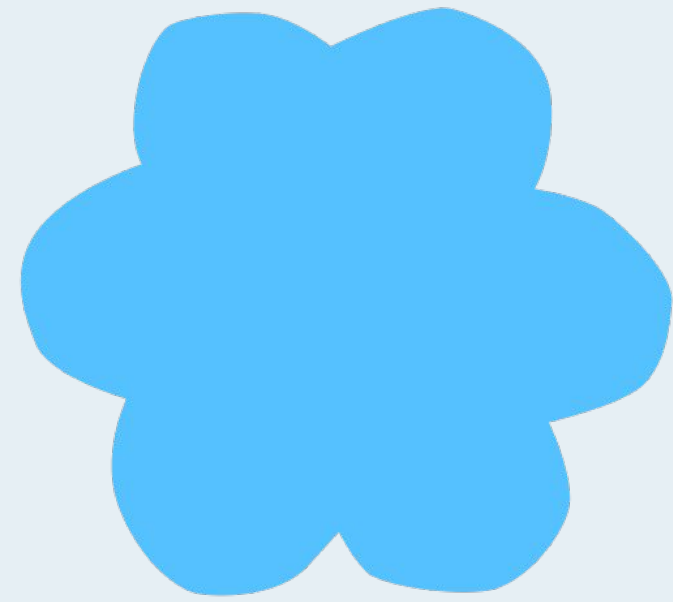
Reread, peer edit, and decide if any changes need to be made. Did we stick to the style and tone we wanted?

**Lullaby**

**Starters**



- **"Hush now, my little one, it's time for you to rest..."**
- **"In the quiet of the night, under the moon's soft light..."**
- **"Close your eyes, my sweet child, and dream of lands so wide..."**
- **"As the stars twinkle above, I sing you a lullaby of love..."**
- **"Rock-a-bye, my precious, in the cradle of the night..."**
- **"The world is still, the world is calm, as I hold you in my arms..."**
- **"Underneath the sky so deep, it's time for you to sleep..."**
- **"Hush-a-bye, don't you cry, I'll sing your cares goodbye..."**
- **"In the land of dreams, my dear, there's nothing you need to fear..."**
- **"Rest your head, my little dove, in the warmth of mother's love..."**
- **"By the gentle river's flow, to dreamland, we will go..."**
- **"The night is soft, the night is still, as I sing to you, I will..."**
- **"Moonlight dances through your room, chasing away all gloom..."**
- **"In my arms, you'll always find a safe and loving place to hide..."**
- **"With a lullaby, I'll guide you through the starry skies so blue..."**





**Your**

**Turn**

Individual

Partner

Class



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**Theme:**

**What lesson do children need to learn?**

Individually

or with partner

Then as a class

**1st**  
**Step!**





# Lyrics

**Requirement: 4 lines**  
**Includes a writing strategy**  
**Includes a symbol**

Individually

or with partner

Then as a class

**2nd**  
**Step!**





# Stanzas

**Do you want to break up your lines  
into stanzas?**

Individually

or with partner

Then as a class

**3rd**

**Step!**



# Finishing Touches

**Do we need to add or change anything?**

Individually

or with partner

Then as a class

4th

Step!



**Yay! We Wrote a Lullaby 😊**