



Poetry Slam 2016 - Instructions

1. Choose a topic or topics. Circle your topic/s.
2. You don't have to be present to participate. You can email entries to alfiawallace@yahoo.com. Those who present or perform the poems need not have written a poem.
3. Use at least 7 of the words provided to construct a poem of any length on a sheet of paper or the back of this page.
4. Completed forms will be placed in the poetry slam box at the party. You may complete more than one. Collaborate or work alone.
5. At the appointed time those interested will congregate in the front room and those who choose to read/perform the poems will randomly choose them from the box and recite them to the amusement or mortification of others. Fun!

Topics (choose one per poem or mix-n-match!)

1. **Superstition** Good luck, bad luck
2. **Let's Go to the Movies!** Ready for the close-up
3. **This Particular Election Cycle** Not ready for anything
4. **It Goes in Your Mouth** food, dental work, foot, etc.
5. **Mystery and Mysteries** Sweet and otherwise
6. **Whatever your little heart desires** seriously

Word List (Use at least 7 of the following random words or forms thereof.)

Orate, mist, pipe, 13, horseshoe, eerie, popcorn, movie, gerrymander, tooth, populism, feminism, transgender, salt, China, India, Mexico, fault, lollipop, retainer, pacifier, joint, thermometer, pollster, screen, academy, curtains, usher, unknown, conundrum, crystal, tarot, crack, ticket, palm, silver, action, immigrant, churro, cigarette, thespian, perplexing, solution, nuts, incredible, ladder, clue, parlor, rope, mouthwash, elected, candidate, democracy, tonsillectomy, reel, director, vote, academy, denouement, smoke, mirrors

Form Your poem may take any form and be of any length. You may choose that it be a **song**, in which case you may want to provide notes on the melody or rhythm to which it should be sung. It can **rhyme**, be as formal as a sonnet or sestina. It could be a **rap** song, blank verse or a **haiku** (5, 7, 5 syllables.) It could be a **limerick**. It could be some rhyming ad shtick. Just make something up and stick it in the box. Thanks.