

Wednesday 3rd June 2020 - Poetry

I'd like to introduce you to a famous, Japanese poet called Sei Shonagon. She lived about 1000 years ago! She was a lady-in-waiting in the court of the Empress. One day, Lord Korechika brought a big bundle of notebooks to the



Empress. She didn't know what to do with them so she asked Sei Shonagon. Sei Shonagon made a pillow out of them! What a funny thing to do! Every night she used the notebooks to make a list poem.

Some of her lists were:

Things that make your heart beat faster, Rare things, Annoying things, Things worth seeing, Adorable things, Hateful things. (and lots more)

Could you make a list poem of your own? You can choose the topic and think very carefully about what goes in your list. Don't forget to start a new line for each item on your list and to use capital letters and full stops. On the next page I have included one of Sei Shonagon's lists and one of mine!

Sei Shonagon's "Elegant Things"

A white coat over a violet waistcoat.

Duck eggs.

Shaved ice mixed with liana syrup and put in a silver bowl

A rosary of rock crystal

Wisteria blossoms

Plum blossoms covered with snow.

A pretty child eating strawberries.

Miss Rashid's list of Spring Time Things

White and pink blossom on the apple tree.

Tiny green shoots of bulbs pushing through the soil.

Warm sunshine on your face.

A breeze whispering through the trees.

A rose, the colour of an egg yolk.

Waking up to bird song.