IBM POEM TEMPLATE

I. set vocabulary

a=	**n=**
b=	**o=**
c=	**p=**
d=	**q=**
e=	**r=**
f=	**s=**
g=	**t=**
h=	**u=**
i=	**v=**
j=	**w=**
k=	**x=**
l=	**y=**
m=	**z=**

II. choose 3 letter word or phrase (as in "IBM")

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III. using I. select words from letters in II. to fill in blanks and make title of the poem [notes: if words in I. are > 10 letters, add spacing accordingly, if < 10 letters, remove blanks; one space between words here and below]:

title: _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _   _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _   _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _

IV. using letters from the first word in title (III.), select words from I. to fill in blanks to make line 1 (I.1); using letters from the second word in title (III.), select words from I. to make line 2 (I.2); using letters from the third word in title (III.), select words from I. to make line 3 (I.3) [note: adjust spacing accordingly, add or remove blanks as needed]:

I. 1: _

I. 2: _

I. 3: _

V. using letters from the first word in IV. l.1, select words from I. to fill in blanks to make line 4 [note: adjust spacing accordingly, add or remove blanks as needed]:

l. 4: __

Va. using letters from the second word in IV. l.1, select words from I. to fill in blanks to make line 5

l. 5: __

V++ repeat process/procedure, successively using each word in lines 1-3 above to create the remaining lines of the poem (l.6 - ??) [note: number of lines will vary depending on size of words in I.]:

VI. format entire text in small (approx. 9 pt.) font, increase the size of each word by 1 pt. each time it appears in the poem

Example: E. Williams "IBM" (original, *A Valentine for Noël*, 8-9)

a= money
b= up
c= idiots
d= sex
e= like
f= quivering
g= evil
h= old
i= red
j= zulus
k= ticklish
l= kool
m= going

n= black
o= jesus
p= hotdogs
q= coming
r= perilous
s= action
t= virgins
u= yes
v= easy
w= fear
x= death
y=naked
z= white

red up going

perilous like sex
yes hotdogs
evil jesus red black evil
hotdogs like perilous red kool jesus yes
kool red ticklish like
action like death
naked like action
old jesus virgins sex jesus evil action
like easy red kool
Zulus like action yes action
perilous like sex
up kool money idiots ticklish
like easy red kool