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| This Is Just To Say  BY WILLIAM CARLOS WILLIAMS  I have eaten  the plums  that were in  the icebox  and which  you were probably  saving  for breakfast  Forgive me  they were delicious  so sweet  and so cold | First Read: 1. What are your first thoughts about this poem? What part of the poem led you to these thoughts?  2. How does the poem make you feel? What part of the poem can you point to that creates a feeling or particular mood?  Second Read: 3. Discuss imagery here; identify parts of the poem that conjure a picture in your mind:  Third Read: 4. What do you think the poet’s purpose is in writing this poem? Is there a hidden meaning? |

Found poems take existing texts and refashion them, reorder them, and present them as poems. The literary equivalent of a collage, found poetry is often made from newspaper articles, street signs, graffiti, speeches, letters, or even other poems.

A pure found poem consists exclusively of outside texts: the words of the poem remain as they were found, with few additions or omissions. Decisions of form, such as where to break a line, are left to the poet.

Instructions: Take the words in “This Is Just To Say” and reorder them into your own Found Poem. You MAY use words more than once and create a longer poem if you want!