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Grade 4: Lesson 15 Create your own poem.

The Echoing Green

By William Blake

The Sun does arise,
And make happy the skies.
The merry bells ring,
To welcome the Spring,
The sky-lark and thrush,
The birds of the bush,
Sing louder around,
To the bells cheerful sound,
While our sports shall be seen
On the Echoing Green.

Old John with white hair
Does laugh away care,
Sitting under the oak,
Among the old folk.
They laugh at our play,
And soon they all say,
Such, such were the joys,
When we all, girls & boys,
In our youth time were seen,
On the Echoing Green.

Till the little ones weary
No more can be merry
The sun does descend,
And our sports have an end:
Round the laps of their mothers,
Many sisters and brothers,
Like birds in their nest,
Are ready for rest:
And sport no more seen,
On the darkening Green.

Poem Brainstorming:

Elements	Co-Create	My Own
Topic		
Stanzas		
Repetition		
Rhythm		
Similes		
Imagery		
Theme		

Directions: Write your own stanza three to our poem, “The Lonely Playground.” Use William Blake’s poem as a model for your stanza and the brainstorming chart. Be sure to:

- include repetitions from stanzas one and two
- show how time is moving to evening
- give details about the sounds of the playground
- use more imagery
- connect to the theme of a cycles are part of life
- check your lines for 6-8 syllables

Creative assignment: Write your own poem about another topic in the style of William Blake!

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