

READ TOGETHER

Poems by Kids

Kids everywhere write poetry. These kids found new ways to write about the sky, the sea, and the sun.

Poetry

Genre

Poems use words in imaginative ways.



Literary Element

Word Choice is important in a poem. Poets often choose interesting words to write about everyday things.

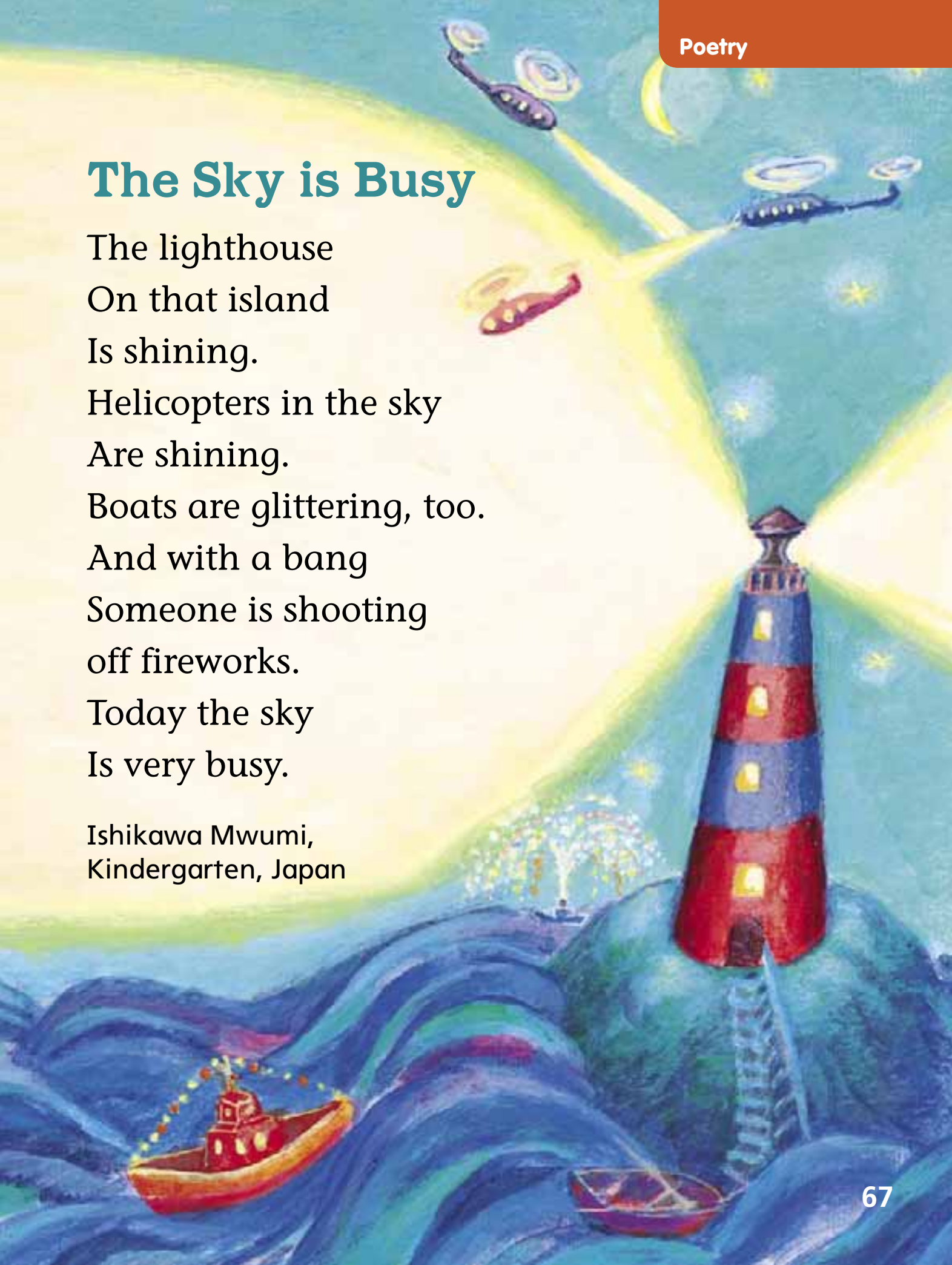


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The Sky is Busy

The lighthouse
On that island
Is shining.
Helicopters in the sky
Are shining.
Boats are glittering, too.
And with a bang
Someone is shooting
off fireworks.
Today the sky
Is very busy.

Ishikawa Mwumi,
Kindergarten, Japan





The Sea

The mist smudges out
Kapiti Island

the hills curve and rise
like loaves of bread

the sun sprinkles glitter
on the sea

the wind is writing what it knows
in lines along the water.

Laura Ranger, age 7,
New Zealand



Sun Rise

Sun, sun, sun
Rise up from the clouds
Spread your rays
Flowers will be happy
Birds will sing
And I shall be happy
and sing, too.

Camille Pabalan,
age 6, Canada

Connect and Compare

Choose a child from *Kids Can Help*. What might this child write a poem about?



Writing

Present-Tense Verbs

Some **verbs** tell about actions that happen now.

Write About Helping

Michael wrote about helping at home.



I like the book Kids Can Help.

I like to cook.

The boy in the book cooks, too.

Your Turn

Write what you learned from Kids Can Help.

Tell how you help at home.



Writer's Checklist

- Did I write some short sentences and some long ones?
- Did I use **verbs** that tell what happens now?
- Did I underline the book title?