BRUSH DANCE

by Robin Bernard
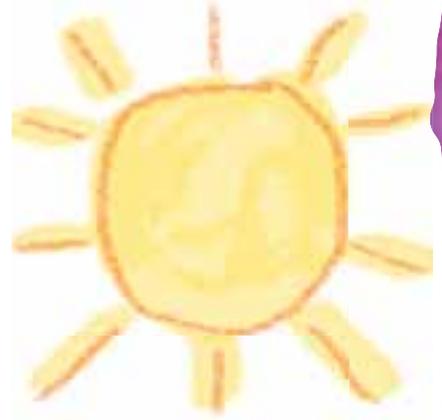
A dot,
   a blot,
      a smidge,
         a smear.
and just a little squiggle here...
A dab,
   a dash,
      a splish,
         a splat.
that's how Patrick paints a cat!

CRAYONS

by Marchette Chute

I've colored a picture with crayons.
I'm not very pleased with the sun.
I'd like it much stronger and brighter.
And more like the actual one.
I've tried with a crayon that's yellow.
I've tried with a crayon that's red.
But none of it looks like the sunlight
I carry around in my head.

Connect and Compare

1. Which words from the poem "Brush Dance" use onomatopoeia? **Onomatopoeia**

2. Think about the speaker from the poem "Crayons" and Pam Muñoz Ryan from *Stirring Up Memories*. How are they alike? **Reading/Writing Across Texts**

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Write a Poem

Writer's Craft

Precise Words
Good writers use **precise words** to show their emotions about a topic.

The poem I wrote is about having a tea party with my mom.

Tea Party

by Brittany H.

A rainy Sunday, what should we do?
Mom said, "I've got an idea for you.
We'll make fancy snacks and iced tea.
I'll serve you, and you serve me!"
It was a terrific thing to do!
A gloomy day can be a fun day too.

I used lively and precise words to show emotion in my poem.

Your Turn

Write a poem about doing something with a family member. It does not have to rhyme. Use lively and precise words to show enthusiasm in the poem. Then use the Writer's Checklist to check your writing.

Writer's Checklist

☑ **Voice:** Does my poem have lively and **precise words** to show my feelings about the topic?

☑ **Word Choice:** Did I use words that paint a word picture? Are my words interesting?

☑ **Conventions:** Did I use the articles *a* and *an* correctly?

☑ **Sentence Fluency:** Does my poem sound interesting when I read it aloud? Does it have rhythm?

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