

Imitation is the best form of flattery

Inspired by the poem "This is Just to Say" by William Carlos Williams, write a copycat or parody poem that is much like the original. Sample parodies are on the back of this sheet. We will be writing draft copies on this paper before writing a good copy on colourful paper. Final copies will be used to fill our learning space with poetry.

The original poem relies on strong imagery to appeal to the reader, so yours must also. Imagery appeals to the 5 senses (sight, sound, smell, taste, feel), and can be kinesthetic (movement) also.

"This is Just to Say" by William Carlos Williams

<i>Original</i>	<i>Your version</i>
I have eaten	I have...
The plums	
That were in	
The icebox	
And which	
You were probably	
Saving	
For breakfast	
Forgive me	Forgive me...
They were delicious	
So sweet	
And so cold	

Last evening
we went
dancing
and
I broke
your leg.
Forgive me.
I was clumsy and
I wanted you
here in the wards,
where I am the doctor!

-Kenneth Koch

I chopped down the house that you had been
saving to live in next summer.
I am sorry, but it was morning, and I had
nothing to do
and its wooden beams were so inviting.

-Kenneth Koch

this is just to say
I am sorry
I used
your toothpaste
it's all gone
and I
have gingivitis
there's some
raspberry
floss left under
the cabinet but
it's gross
and expired

I have taken
Your car
that stood
in the driveway
and which
you were
probably planning
to leave in
Forgive me
it was convenient
so near
and so fast