

Write a Poem

Writing poems was a popular activity for passengers on the *SS Great Britain*, with many creating their own and sharing them in onboard newspapers and concerts.

Passengers often wrote about things that were affecting them during the voyage, with poems about love, the journey and missing home proving popular topics. One passenger even wrote one about their missing hat!

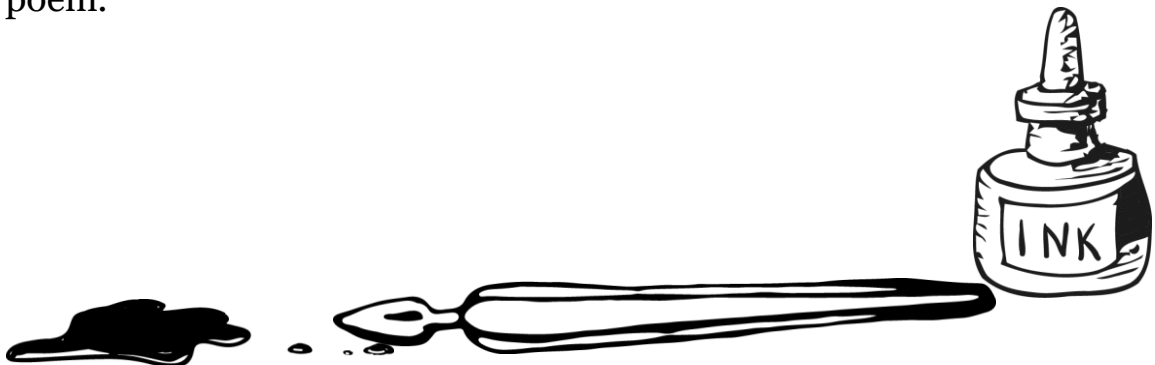
Today the *SS Great Britain* still inspires people to create poetry. Watch poet Sali Katebe perform [After '70](#) and [She Made it Back](#).



Why not get creative and write your own poem?

Looking for inspiration?

- If you've visited the *SS Great Britain*, think about what you saw when you explored the ship.
- Read the [Goat of the Sea poem](#), written by an unhappy passenger in 1854 then write your own complaints poem.
- Pick one of the words on the following pages and write an acrostic poem.



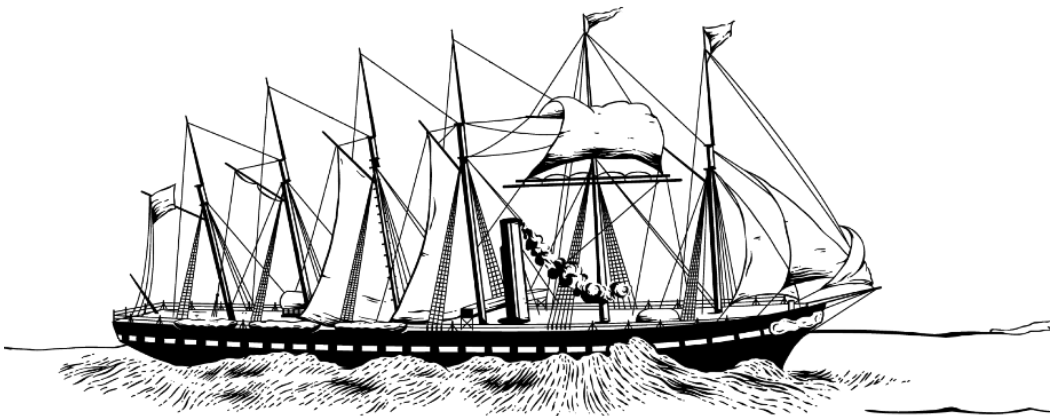


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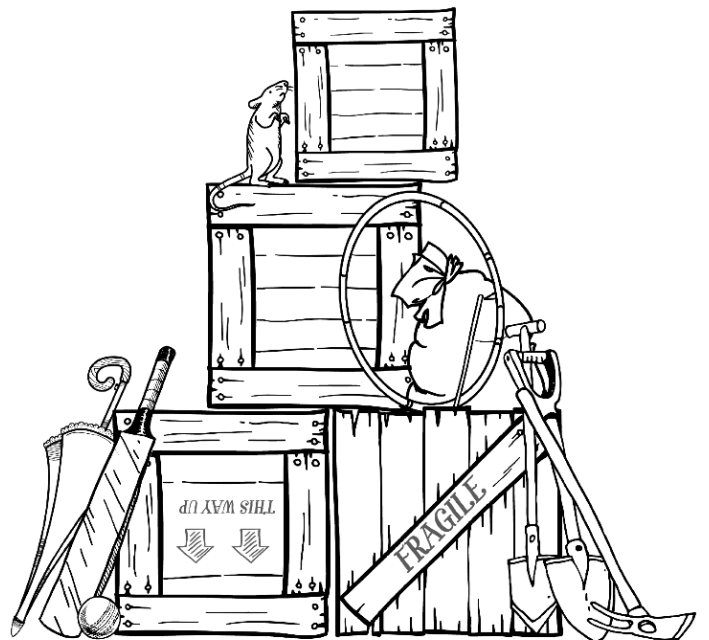
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