

THE DIAMANTE POEM

A diamante is a poem form that derives its name from its diamond shape. It usually expresses a sharp contrast between two opposite themes.

THE FOUR-LINE DIAMANTE

Create a four-line poem based upon careful looking at a work of art. Abstract paintings and sculptures work very well for this exercise. The structure of the poem is as follows:

Line 1: **A word** that comes to mind when looking at the work of art. (This word will also be the name of the poem.)

Line 2: **An action phrase** based upon something you see or sense in the work of art.

Line 3: **A comparison**, using *like* or *as*, between something in the work of art (a color, a mood, etc.) and something else in the world.

Line 4: **Another word** that comes to mind when looking at the work of art.

VARIATION: the fourth line is one word that is opposite of the first line.
