

Poet's Etiquette for Reading at the Poets' Haven

Scheduled Readers (10 minutes to read)

- Please rehearse your poems at home to ensure you do not go over 10-minutes.
- If the Mic Host puts up a yellow card, you have one minute to finish up, if s/he puts up a red card, waves his/her hand, or stands up, he or she is telling you that you have used up your 10 minutes. In that case,
 - If your poem has only a few remaining lines (i.e., 2-3), finish reading it.
 - If your poem has another page or several verses remaining, please finish up within the next two lines.

Open Mic Readers (2 minutes to read)

- Open mic readers **MUST** sign in with the Door Host. If you do not sign up with the Door Host, you do not read.
- If you sign up to read, please have the courtesy to listen to other scheduled and open mic readers.
- If you leave the Poet's Haven reading, your name will be removed from the open mic list.
- The guideline is **ONE** (1) poem that is no longer than **TWO** (2) minutes.
- If the Mic Host puts up a red card, waves his/her hand, or stands up, he/she is telling you that you should finish up.

Remember, the Mic Host is responsible for ensuring readers keep their readings within the set time limit. Please stop reading when the Mic Host signals.

Poets' Haven by Diane Robitelle

**Never alone can one be with a poem,
It's made to be spoken at our Poets' Haven home.**

**Bring 2 or 10 minutes of word-treasures to share,
Having timed your whole delivery, for to others be fair.**

**Then take your ease with the wireless mic,
Do sound-checks and place it, where we all like.**

**You will be cautioned when it's near time to end,
Then signalled to **STOP**, so please do attend!**

**From start to finish our Mic Host guides along,
Keeping the flow going, just like a song.**

**Or sign-up with our Door Host when you arrive,
So to stay for Open Mic, with your 2-minute 'live'.**

**Watch for the Mic Host to signal time's up,
Then come to a close, for full is our cup.**

**No, never alone can one stay with a poem,
It's made to be spoken at our Poets' Haven home.**

THANKS TO ALL!