

**Poets' Haven** - 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.

**Poets' Haven Readings**

**Scheduled Readers** (10 minutes)

- At home, please time a 10-minute reading.
- The Mic Host can let you know when to finish reading,  
by waving a hand, standing up or speaking.
  - o If there're a few remaining lines (2-3), finish reading them.
  - o If there're several verses, finish within the next couple lines.

**Open Mic Readers** (2 minutes)

- Sign your name in the Open Mic Record Book at the entrance table  
to be able to read after the scheduled readers.
- If you leave the scheduled readings prior to the Open Mic readings  
then your name is removed from the Open Mic list.
- The guideline is ONE (1) poem, 2 minutes.
- If the Mic Host waves a hand, stands up or speaks, it's time to finish.

Mic Hosts are responsible for ensuring we stay within the set times.

Thank you for working with all our volunteers!

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