



NATIONAL POETRY DAY

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Key stage 3

I Will Be

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I Will Be

Today

I have been

Lost

In a sea of neatly dressed stars

The glowing moon giving orders

Above

Yesterday

I was a wrecking ball

Smashing

The grey walls around me

Noise

Erupting from the madness around me

Tonight

I'll stare into the night sky

Stars all the same

Realising I will become one

Today

Tomorrow

Or never

Tomorrow

I shall be the words

In a book

Dancing

Across the silky pages

Until one day the book

Is finished.

Hafza Abdi



Activity

Draw 4 boxes and label them as below:

Yesterday:

Today:

Tonight:

Tomorrow:

Think about yesterday. How did you feel?

Prompts:

If how you felt was a shape, what would it be?

A colour?

An animal?

Add some specific detail.

How about today? What do you feel like today? Why?

If how you feel was a kitchen object, what would it be?

A type of weather?

What are you doing tonight? Imagine you are there and doing it already.

What does it feel like to do that?

Why do you like it?

What might it taste like?

What would you like to be doing tomorrow?

How would it feel if you were doing it?

What colour would it be?

What animal would it be?

How might it sound?

Now read the poem

'I Will Be' written by First Story student, Hafza Abdi.

Think about your own ideas and how they might show the changes in your life.

Write your own 4 stanza poem using the best ideas from your boxes. Sometimes it's better to have one idea and develop the detail of it and sometimes a list works best.

Try and use concrete detail. Begin each stanza with: Yesterday; Today; Tonight; Tomorrow

Experiment with changing the order of the stanzas.

