The chances are the first poems you ever heard were sung in rhymes, or were lyrics of songs you listened to, or were NURSERY RHYMES.
A NURSERY RHYME is a SHORT, RHYMED POEM or tale for children. You remember!
Write a NURSERY RHYME about an old man and his dog. Three or four lines will do.
Write a NURSERY RHYME about an old woman and her cat. Same length.
Write a NURSERY RHYME about an owl who went to school with a bat. 3-4 lines.

Can you think of one of the first poems you ever heard? If you can, write it down here:

RHYMES

Do you have a natural ear for RHYMING words?

In writing good poetry that RHYMES, it is essential that you use the correct number of SYLLABLES.

For example: CAT is a ONE SYLLABLE word, therefore you would use only one syllable words such as at, rat, hat, and mat, when RHYMING them with cat.

Starting with CAT as a key word, make a list of as many words as you possibly can that RHYME with it.

CAT

Now do the same thing for the key words listed below.

DOG

GLAD

FLY

SNEEZE

DOOR

BARN

PARK

WRAP

Do you remember the first poem you ever heard? Here's one of the first I learned:

Hey diddle-diddle, the cat and the fiddle, the cow jumped over the moon.

The little dog laughed to see such a sport, and the dish ran away with the spoon.