

Painting Nature with Words

Poetry based on the work of Maw Shein Win

Maw Shein Win's poem tells a story

The thistle plant has prickly leaves

It doesn't need much water

It pushed its way through concrete
to see the sun!



The poem doesn't have
capital letters
or a period

Poetry means that
you can change
the rules



a thistle persists

jagged leaves brandish
tiny knives

they glitter under moonlight
animals keep away

The poem is not
made up
of long sentences

Instead, words
are placed together
to catch your eye

thick white roots
burrow deep
below concrete



Let's get started



Pick something from nature:

flowers or plants

trees or leaves

birds, bugs or bears

any animal – in fact



Remember to
break up
your sentences



Extra Credit:

See if you can give your plant or animal
an adventure or an obstacle to overcome