**How to write a Tanka poem**

The Tanka poem is very similar to haiku but Tanka poems have more syllables and it uses simile, metaphor and personification.

There are five lines in a Tanka poem.

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| Line one: 5 syllables | Beautiful mountains |
| Line two: 7 syllables | Rivers with cold, cold water. |
| Line three: 5 syllables | White cold snow on rocks |
| Line four: 7 syllables | Trees over the place with frost |
| Line five: 7 syllables | White sparkly snow everywhere. |

Tanks poems are written about nature, seasons, love, sadness and other strong emotions. This form of poetry dates back almost 1200 years ago.