

The Elements
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A powerful performance poem exploring Air, Fire, Water and Earth.

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The Elements Synopsis

This poem describes the four classical elements air, fire, water, and earth by giving each one its own voice and personality.

It begins with air, portrayed as invisible, fast-moving, and ever-present, something we rely on but often don't notice. Then comes fire, shown as powerful and mesmerizing, capable of both warmth and destruction. The poem moves to water, which is gentle and life-giving but can also be forceful and dangerous. Next is earth, depicted as strong and sustaining, providing a home for life but also being exploited and neglected by humans.

In the final stanza, the poet brings all four elements together, emphasizing that they are interconnected and essential for life. The overall message is that balance among these elements is crucial, and without any one of them, life on Earth could not exist.

Age Range

10 - 18

Ideal For

- Assemblies
- Class performances
- Poetry lessons
- Creative writing inspiration

Themes

- Nature
- Environment
- Balance / Teamwork
- Respect for the natural world



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But I will be gone in the blink of an eye,
I have a job somewhere else in the sky.
I'm all around you, yet you can't see
The wonder of what it is to be free.

I can be gentle, ferocious, or mild
And caress the face of a sleeping child.
I am what we all need to survive.
I am the reason the world around thrives.

I burn with passion, am fearless and strong.
When I'm in full force it won't be long
Before you see how powerful I can be.
Nothing can get in the way of me.

My beauty can be quite mesmerizing,
As my flames lick higher, I'm hypnotizing.
I am a wonder, a vision of light.
I keep people warm on a cold winter's night.

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