

Poetry Poster Project

About thousand new poets have been discovered through the poetry poster project a brainchild of FEMRITE. The anthology PAINTED VOICES, combining poems and art. A teacher's guide was developed to help with interpretation of the poetry.

We visited twenty schools all over the country. Our poetry workshop opened the minds of the students to perceive poetry in a different way. Each of them wrote a poem within the short time we were with them. Below is an example of a poem from Kigezi High School.

Artists and poets worked together in this project and now FEMRITE owns wonderful paintings as a result of this collaboration. Each school received two laminated posters that now hung in libraries, reception, teachers' staffrooms, or any place where the students and teachers wanted to see them.

The poetry competition among students resulted in many wonderful poems. We believe that high quality young poets will be discovered through this project.

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For months you suffered;
For weeks you were in thoughts,
For days you expected,
For hours you wept,
For a second you were relieved.

From seconds to months I was made,
For years I have brought fear to you
A glance at you,
My heart is taken away by your charm,
Beautiful you are more than
A word from your mouth.

I will live to love you,
Lovely mother.

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