

# POEMS

Marianne Moore said that poems were imaginary gardens with real toads in them. Real toads, however, don't come easy. What we have learned is that poets are special writers, who know how to push language to its limits in order to say true things. Like composers of music, these composers of words do everything possible to create the most extraordinary expressions and observations. Poets are not just language decorators, trying to arrange pretty words; they are more like scientists or detectives, who give their lives to discover what is unknown, and then try to make a true report.

Even in our brief introduction to poetry, we have seen that poets can play language like an instrument, rhyming words at the ends of lines, or within the lines, giving the lines a regular rhythm by arranging words based on the