

## LIST POEMS

Repetition can be very effective, and some poets take it to the logical conclusion of writing a list poem.

Here is a list poem written by Ray Griffith

Rooms  
There are rooms to start up in  
Rooms to start out in  
Rooms to start over in  
Rooms to lie in  
Rooms to lie about in  
Rooms to lay away in ...

Look through the food ads in *your newspaper* and choose several items to create a new and unusual sandwich. Cut out the items and paste them on lined paper. Write a short poem about your sandwich, using as a model the Shel Silverstein poem *Recipe for a Hippopotamus Sandwich*. Below, copy and illustrate the poem.

Jennifer Hind, "List Poems," *The Royal Gazette*, Bermuda, 2003.