

Found poetry is a type of poetry **created** by taking words, phrases, and sometimes whole passages **from other sources** and reframing them by making changes in spacing **and** lines, or by adding or deleting text, **thus imparting new meaning**

The description above is a bit of a cheat: it is more a demonstration of one method for creating a found poem rather than a new meaning/definition! However, the found poem example below – which doesn't include the original source of a fairly traditional Christmas card – is the result of having selected and re-used the expected and often clichéd messages in it: all obviously jolly and positive.

If the found poem underneath is 'imparting new meaning', how do you think it might be different from what the Christmas card initially intended? What examples might indicate this? Think of methods used like repetition, line placings, removal of words, and so on.

Especially For My Special Person at this Sentimental Season

At this sentimental season
You're a really special person
And that's why I love you so -
This comes to let you know
It also comes to let you know
At this sentimental season
I feel so proud and happy
That each day all year through
You're a really special person
At this sentimental season
And that's why I love you so -
This comes to let you know -
And that's why I love you so
It also comes to let you know
Merry Christmas
I feel so proud and happy
At this sentimental season
Merry Christmas

Dearest
All my love
At this sentimental season
Proud and happy special person
I feel so sentimental
To be sharing this special
season
That each day
Comes to let you know
Why I love you so
Also comes
All year through
Life with you