Poetry Speed Dating

1. Go to poetryoutloud.org. Click on the “Find Poems” menu in the purple box on the left-hand side.
2. For the first 10 poems, click on the “Random Poem” option.
3. Only spend 1-2 minutes with each poem. Read it quickly, and record a phrase or sentence that reflects your first impressions on the chart.
4. Don’t forget to RATE each poem from 1-10. (A 1 indicates that you would NEVER choose this poem to memorize, and a 10 indicates a poem that you would LOVE to memorize.)
5. For the last 10 poems, you may choose to continue using the “Random Poem” button, or you may browse by collection, poet, or poetic forms and terms.
6. When you are done with 20 poems, please turn the assignment in.

Rate 1-10	“Title”	Poet’s Name	First line	Phrase or sentence that reflects your first impressions
8	“to the notebook kid”	Eve L. Ewing	yo chocolate milk for breakfast kid	Seems like a letter of encouragement to kids who write rap/poetry. Informal language.