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To live a creative life, we must lose our fear
of being wrong.

Joseph Chilton Pearce



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For my daughters



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Introduction

I'm not a poet. I do, however, tend to think and write in poetic ways. Poetry is its own discipline and language—some of it very technical and measured. But at its core, poetry is a way of seeing the world around us and our own sense of place.

Unfinished poems is less about the mechanics and mathematics of poetry, but more so an invitation into the realm of playfulness and creativity. This book is an invitation to honor *your* creative heart.

When my daughters were young, we had a set of journals, the *Wreck it Journals* by Keri Smith at home. I especially loved seeing the outrageous and creative ways my daughters engaged with the journals, which invited users to be unafraid of creating, of being wrong, and of imperfection. In fact, it encouraged the biggest spills and mess-ups along the way as part of the fun—of living a creative life!



So many of us live afraid of life—of messing up. We live in silent purgatories, unfinished, when instead we could move forward and create from the knowing of our hearts—and smile more along the way. 😊

Remember: the spark and mastery we seek is not attained through our minds, or by controlling external circumstances, but by uniting our powerful minds with our creative hearts. I hope you'll give it a try!

How to use this book

#1. There are 56 ideas/poem starters here. Some of them are starters which I used in two of my books, but even the ones that did become poems could become new poems again!

#2. Review the table of contents and circle 12 or so of the poems that appeal to you—and ***let them tell you*** what they want to be or become. Ask.

- These poem ‘starters’ may be missing a word, an image, a sound, a color, a feeling, a story?
- Maybe the title is completely wrong.
- Maybe it wants to tell you something you know nothing about—or it’s inviting you to notice yourself.
- Maybe it’s good ‘as is’—you decide.

#3. Be playful.

#4. Have fun.

#5. Laugh.

#6. Create something new!...and if you need assistance self-publishing your new creation, I’m happy to help!



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Invisible

What you see in the world
can only change
by looking through
the kaleidoscope
of your inner light

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TAKE NOTES. DOODLE. NOODLE. WRITE HERE.



Unkind

Anytime I've been unkind
it was because I was terrified

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Stop

Stop your shrinking and compressing
and incessant double guessing

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Cosmic heart

Fear generates mental bondage
and suffering—it exiles you
from your cosmic heart
that beats

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Morning song

NOTE: I did finish this one, but you can write another one too!

The birds never sing out of tune

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Splendor

Do you ever notice the tiny spark
of light and magic
that's always beaming

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The sound of bacteria

If bacteria had a sound,
would it be beautiful or sad,
does it suffer or rejoice in its smallness
or does it harmonize with the echoes
of our fears

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The divine in you

The way of creativity is the work
of the prophets,
but you are not a prophet—
or are you one in disguise?

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The cosmic veil

Carried towards somewhere beyond the veil,
I'm reminded of a truth I've always known

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The internal file

There's no living thing on the planet
that lacks an internal file

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Neuroception

Safety and belonging are your birthright
wired deeply in your

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Yes, And

Yes I was sad
and now I'm happy.

Yes I was hurt
and now I'm safe.

Yes I was ignorant
but now I know better.

Yes I was

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Inscribed or prescribed?

Do you know which is which
and when and why
you do
what you do

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What's informing you?

What were you before you came here,
to live the life you live now?

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Horizon

I stare at the horizon for clues,
only to remember the answer
is coded in my genes

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The back 9

Some never make it—
they get lost or trapped along the way
and maybe we're
the only ones
who noticed –
because they may actually
be playing nearby
in heaven

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Cold plunger

My friend is a shero
the kind of badass
who reminds you to be and do--
no matter how cold
and inhospitable
life may feel
on your skin

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When Jane turned 50

When my friend turned 50

we were all quarantined,

unseen

it was the oddest thing

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Edge effects

A gentle breeze whispers my name,
inviting me to meet
the edges of my heart

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Blind receptors

My soul speaks, reminding me,
that love binds all things
both seen and unseen

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Modern priorities

What are the priorities
of the modern human
when success is measured
by slower breaths

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The lienholders

No one ever worries how the lienholders
must feel, holding on and towing a line to maintain
divisions of wealth and hearts,
but maybe one of us should

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Wrinkled by rebellion

Shimmering like the golden stretch
between twilight and dawn
the lines I've drawn
have been withdrawn

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Inside voice

There's a voice that guides
my being,
it speaks in silence
and tiny surges of

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Belly fat

It made me smile
every single time—
to see her arms and legs
moving frantically, so joyfully
a sacred creature before my eyes...
I thanked God and all my heavenly angels
as I bowed my head and heart
to kiss my baby girl's
belly fat

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Presence

Each step is a prayer,
whispered slow,
a song of presence
I'm learning to know

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Essence

I've touched the edge of silence
it told me what I needed to know
and I can't unhear or unknow
or hide my light
or unsee your glow

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The sweet creatures

They mind their own business,
collect their nuts,
and chase each other
through a forest of joy

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Etched in my being

There's a blueprint etched in my being,
a hidden treasure for the best parts of me

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Verbal sunshine

Is it the words they speak
or the way they say them
that lights up my heart?

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Life unfolding

In the space between breaths,
I feel it: the tender pulse
of life opening up to ground
my feet

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Sway

Do the trees worry
when the wind bends them,
or do they sway in joy
knowing they were born to move?

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Shadow

Every shadow conceals a blessing,
a whispered truth,
waiting for the courage
of your heart

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Temple or prison

I build a temple with my words,
brick by brick, verse by verse,

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Ruins of the past

The seeds of life are hidden
in the ruins of the past
unwatered, waiting

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The earth hums

The earth hums
to the rhythm
of my heart
to the same tune
that beats us all

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The path before you

The path unfolds
as you inhale and exhale
and step courageously
into the eternal now

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Flow

The ocean does not fear
the sandy or rugged shore,
she flows,

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Mask

A mask falls—timid and unsure
asking not for judgement or fear
but simply to appreciate
what we couldn't love before now

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The clouds in the sky

Do the tears we cry
help to form
the clouds in the sky?

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Power nap

Oh, Great Naper of the household

I ask for your infinite wisdom,

and tender biscuits

to usher me into afternoon bliss

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Earth angel

A multiplier of magic

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Revealing

Light is its own revelation
peering into the deeper truths
of what was previously hidden
or lost

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The far end

We keep it over there--
so we can see it better
because sometimes
a new beginning,
a close encounter,
or an eminent start
are entirely
too close

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Balanced decisions

These are always the worst ones

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Living your dreams

Don't we do this every night?

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Are you a Flat Stanley?

Do you ever feel like a Flat Stanley?

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Logical thinking

Use wisely. Do not apply liberally.

Don't use it in case of emergency.

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Masterpiece

What new masterpiece is waiting
to be created by you?

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Creative energy

You're it—use it now.

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Finding the kingdom

Jesus' words echo in my heart

because as far as I know

that's where and how

the kingdom is found

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Dimensions of you

Your multi-dimensionality
shouldn't surprise you—
are you surprised?

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Uncomplicate

There's a sacred communion
an alchemy of sorts
that arises
when you decide
to let go

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Constructive ways

Imagine if everything we created
from this day forward
was believed and conceived
in constructive ways

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Humane

If to be human is to be divine

what is it then, to be humane?

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Due diligence

Before you outsource
your powerful body
to the profiteers and marketers
consult your heart first

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Sparkles of divinity

Crystalline treasures

we each are—

sparkles of creation

glitter from the stars

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The generous CEO (playful)

Silence is alive (poetry)

Unmasking (personal development)

Honoring your grief (personal development)

60 ways to know love (provocative/contemplative)

Until it happens to you (poetry)

All my mistakes (playful)

52 weeks (contemplative)

Gratitude Yearbooks (gratitude & grace)
(2018, 2019, 2020, 2022, 2023)

The Workbook of Human Superpowers (playful)

GRATEFUL | 30-day self-care journal (mindfulness)

People are like flowers (humanity)

Emotional Intelligence: making sense of your
emotional data (EQ)

A Nighttime Trip to Planet NUF (humanity)

Soul Friends (humanity)

Wake Up Beautiful Girl (humanity)

Lilly's Life (humanity)



About Mayra

Born in San Juan, Puerto Rico, Mayra experienced a pivotal transition at age 11 when her family relocated to Munroe Falls, Ohio. This shift thrust her into a profound valley of cultural, social, mental, emotional, and spiritual exploration—a space where she grappled with the complexities of identity, language, and belonging.

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