

CALAVERAS LITERARIAS

Celebrating Life with Humor and Satire

Calaveras literarias are short, humorous poems written during Día de los Muertos, playfully imagining how death comes for the living. Considered an honor, these witty verses celebrate life while gently mocking death.

How to Write Calaveras

1. Structure: Use simple rhymes (ABAB or AABB) and write in 4–12 lines, often in quatrains.
2. Tone: Be playful and satirical, highlighting quirks or traits. Personify death as witty and mischievous.
3. Subject: Tease death and celebrate the subject's traits in a lighthearted way, adding personal or cultural details.
4. Language: Use puns, clever wordplay, and references to traditions like marigolds or La Catrina.

Tips: Choose a subject, exaggerate their quirks, weave in death as a character, and finish with a twist. Writing calaveras is a fun way to embrace the humor in life and death—so keep it light and enjoy!

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