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# [i carry your heart with me (i carry it in)]

by E.E. CUMMINGS

i carry your heart with me(i carry it in  
my heart)i am never without it(anywhere  
i go you go,my dear;and whatever is done  
by only me is your doing,my darling)

i fear

no fate(for you are my fate,my sweet)i want  
no world(for beautiful you are my world,my true)  
and it's you are whatever a moon has always meant  
and whatever a sun will always sing is you

here is the deepest secret nobody knows  
(here is the root of the root and the bud of the bud  
and the sky of the sky of a tree called life;which grows  
higher than soul can hope or mind can hide)  
and this is the wonder that's keeping the stars apart

i carry your heart(i carry it in my heart)

# sonnet 18: shall I compare thee to a summer's day?

by WILLIAM SHAKESPEARE

Shall I compare thee to a summer's day?  
Thou art more lovely and more temperate:  
Rough winds do shake the darling buds of May,  
And summer's lease hath all too short a date;  
Sometime too hot the eye of heaven shines,  
And often is his gold complexion dimm'd;  
And every fair from fair sometime declines,  
By chance or nature's changing course untrimm'd;  
But thy eternal summer shall not fade,  
Nor lose possession of that fair thou ow'st;  
Nor shall death brag thou wander'st in his shade,  
When in eternal lines to time thou grow'st:  
So long as men can breathe or eyes can see,  
So long lives this, and this gives life to thee.



# The Quiet World

by JEFFREY MCDANIEL

In an effort to get people to look  
into each other's eyes more,  
and also to appease the mutes,  
the government has decided  
to allot each person exactly one hundred  
and sixty-seven words, per day.

When the phone rings, I put it to my ear  
without saying hello. In the restaurant  
I point at chicken noodle soup.  
I am adjusting well to the new way.

Late at night, I call my long distance lover,  
proudly say I only used fifty-nine today.  
I saved the rest for you.

When she doesn't respond,  
I know she's used up all her words,  
so I slowly whisper I love you  
thirty-two and a third times.  
After that, we just sit on the line  
and listen to each other breathe.



# How do I love thee?

by ELIZABETH BARRET BROWNING

How do I love thee? Let me count the ways.  
I love thee to the depth and breadth and height  
My soul can reach, when feeling out of sight  
For the ends of being and ideal grace.  
I love thee to the level of every day's  
Most quiet need, by sun and candle-light.  
I love thee freely, as men strive for right.  
I love thee purely, as they turn from praise.  
I love thee with the passion put to use  
In my old griefs, and with my childhood's faith.  
I love thee with a love I seemed to lose  
With my lost saints. I love thee with the breath,  
Smiles, tears, of all my life; and, if God choose,  
I shall but love thee better after death.



# Poetry

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You can set a timer or just peruse the poems at your leisure.

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- ♡ a weather reference
- ♡ a name in the title
- ♡ a dog
- ♡ a page # that matches our wedding date
- ♡ reference to a wedding or marriage
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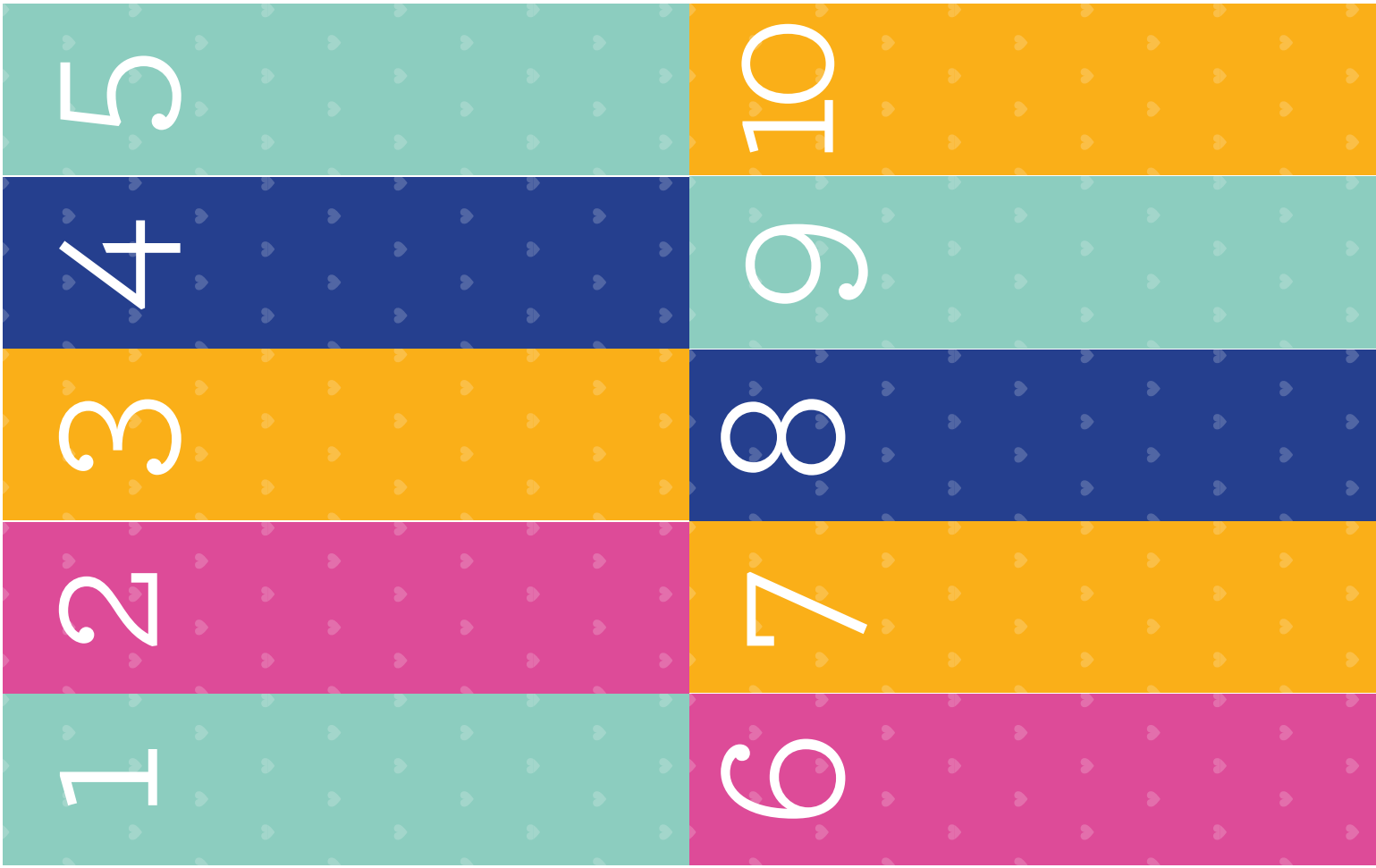
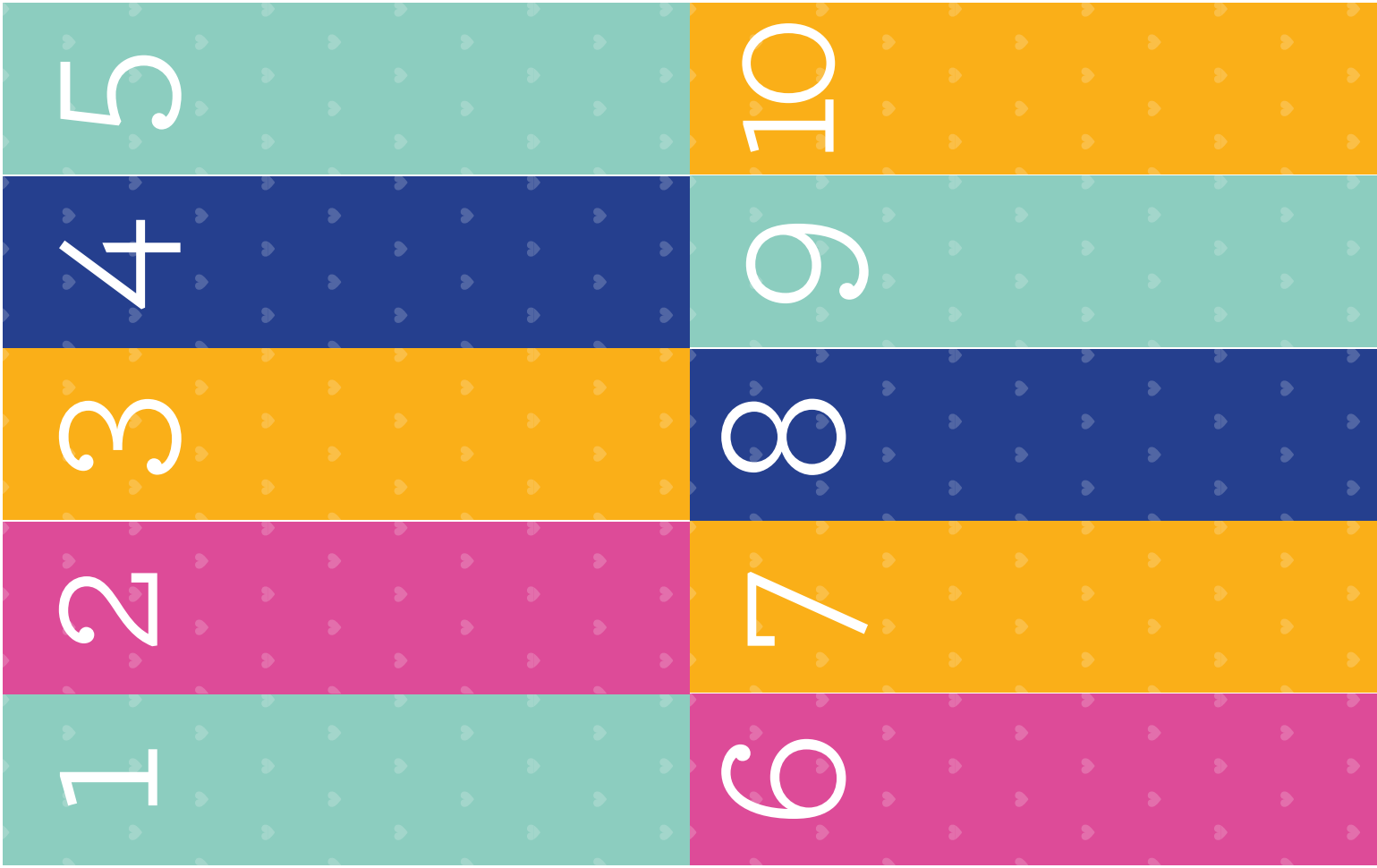
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# Write Your Own Love Poem

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## HOW DO I LOVE THEE?

by:

How do I love thee? Let me count the ways.  
I love thee when you \_\_\_\_\_  
and when you \_\_\_\_\_  
I love thy \_\_\_\_\_  
and \_\_\_\_\_  
Every \_\_\_\_\_ and every \_\_\_\_\_  
I Love Thee (adjective) \_\_\_\_\_  
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Smiles, tears, and all my life,  
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Thy \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_  
Bringest \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_  
Thou art \_\_\_\_\_ to me  
Sometimes \_\_\_\_\_  
And often \_\_\_\_\_  
So long as \_\_\_\_\_ or \_\_\_\_\_  
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