

## Ode to the Moon

The moon is awesome, it is not hollow.  
It was explored by astronauts with the name Apollo.  
It has features like maria, mountains, and craters.  
I learned long ago, to never mess with Darth Vader.

It formed about 4.4 billion years ago,  
a million years later the maria stopped its flow.  
The impacts on the moon eventually did cease.  
The craters they made, make the moon look like cheese.

The moon has lots of cool phases  
like crescent, gibbous and full  
some people like constellations,  
my favorite is called Taurus "the bull"

Spring tides occur with full and new moons.  
I like to eat soup, not with a fork, but with a spoon.  
Neap tides happen with the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter.  
These tides are great for swimmers who are a little shorter.

Solar eclipses are real keen  
The Moon blocks the sun, this is rarely seen.  
People go outside and stare at the event to broaden their mind  
To bad they are helping themselves slowly go blind.

Another kind of eclipse is called the Lunar  
I hope fall comes later not sooner.  
The Earth blocks the sun, it doesn't care.  
I think Courtney Cox has pretty hair.

The moon goes around the Earth in a counterclockwise motion.  
It affects lovers, baby births, and even oceans.  
Every 29.5 days the moon is new.  
Two full moons in a month the second one is called blue.

The man on the moon can now smile  
Because a meteor hasn't hit him in quite a while  
He hasn't been visited in many years  
This caused him to shed some tears

I love the moon.  
It loves me.  
I would live there,  
But I would freeze and die a horrible death from the lack of food, water, and atmosphere.

### Directions

You must memorize the Poem. It will be worth 82 points. **OR**

**You may write your own poem and memorize it.** It must deal with the moon and be the same length. If you write and memorize your own poem, you may receive **five bonus** points for a max score of 87. You must include a color drawing depicting the poem. In order to receive a maximum grade, it must be neat, colorful, and original.

You will lose 2 points for every line not read properly.....**Due Date!**