



### If I Could Build a Town

If I could build a town, well then,  
I know just what I'd make:  
an ice cream store, a toy shop,  
and a store with bread and cake.

I guess I'd make a park  
and build a nifty fire station.  
Say, would you like to help me?  
It just takes imagination!

—Betsy Franco

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a poem by the kids of Three Rivers

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#### Your mission:

- 1) think about your hometown, Three Rivers.
- 2) What do you like best?
- 3) What do you think we need?
- 4) Write down your ideas in 2-4 lines of poetry  
(no, it doesn't need to rhyme, each line should be 6-8 syllables).
- 5) Return your contribution to the library by July 31st.
- 6) We'll mix all of contributions together and present the poem to the world on a podcast in August.

\*Inspired by NPR's Community Poem series:

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