

Homework, I Love You! (by Kenn Nesbit)

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A Few Words About the Author by the Author Himself



Who I Am

I am 56 years old and I was born on February 20, 1962 in Berkeley, California. I grew up in Fresno and San Diego, California.

I now live in a big old house in Spokane, Washington, with my wife Ann, our son Max, our daughter Madison, and our cat, Raki.

My Poetry

My first children's poem — [Scrawny Tawny Skinner](#) — was written in 1994 after having dinner with a friend whose 4-year-old daughter did everything she could to get out of eating her dinner. Shortly after that, I wrote two more poems, [My Foot Fell Asleep](#) and [Binkley](#). During 1995 and 1996, I wrote about three or four poems a year (including [You Can Never Be Too Careful](#) and [A Meloncholy Tale](#), whenever the mood struck me.

In early 1997 I decided I would like to write an entire book of children's poems. In 1998, I published my first collection of poetry, entitled [My Foot Fell Asleep](#). I published a sequel called *I've Seen My Kitchen Sink* in 1999 and a third book, *Sailing Off to Singapore*, in 2000. [The Aliens Have Landed at Our School!](#) was published by [Meadowbrook Press](#) in 2001. My first collection of poems about school, [When the Teacher Isn't Looking: and Other Funny School Poems](#) was published by Meadowbrook Press in 2005. I have since published many more books with a number of other publishers including [Scholastic](#), [Chronicle Books](#), [National Geographic Learning](#), and [Sourcebooks Jabberwocky](#).

My poems have also appeared in magazines, school textbooks, and numerous anthologies of funny poetry, as well as on television, audio CDs and even restaurant placemats.¹

Task 1. Answer the questions

1. When is Kenn Nesbitt's birthday?
2. Where is he from?
3. How many people are in his family?
4. When did Kenn write his first poem?
5. When did he decide he would like to write an entire book of children's poems?
6. What is the name of his first collection of poems about school?
7. Where can we find his poems?

¹ <https://www.poetry4kids.com/biographies/about-kenn-nesbitt/#WhoIAm>

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Task 2. Match the words to their definition

1. ecstatic	A. to study a lot before an exam
2. assign	B. to confuse someone
3. insane	C. to like something very much
4. go blind	D. a boring job that you must do
5. cram for a test	E. making you feel excited
6. thrill	F. to become unable to see
7. fit to be tied	G. extremely happy
8. boggle one's mind	H. to give someone a particular job or responsibility
9. frazzle	I. to cause excitement
10. exciting	J. to exhaust physically or emotionally
11. chore	K. seriously mentally ill
12. adore	L. totally out of control

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12

Task 3. Fill in the gaps with the words from the boxes.

go blind thrill boggle exciting
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chore frazzle cramming insane ecstatic
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chore adore assigned fit to be tied
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1. Susan was worn to a _____ after her last-minute Christmas shopping.
2. Mike's _____ for his chemistry exam.
3. The whole idea is quite _____.
4. Doctors think he will _____.
5. His knowledge of computer is mind ~ _____.
6. The teacher has _____ each of us a holiday task.
7. Martin was not exactly _____ at the news.
8. If you've also been caught in a traffic jam, you're maybe _____ by the time you get to work.
9. Winning the first place must have been quite a _____.
10. Washing is a _____.
11. Don't you just _____ that dress!
12. The film had an _____ plot.

Task 4. Read and listen to the poem. Make your own video to act out the poem.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=wNUchu8CUds&feature=youtu.be>

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Homework, I love you. I think that you're great.
It's wonderful fun when you keep me up late.
I think you're the best when I'm totally stressed,
preparing and cramming all night for a test.

Homework, I love you. What more can I say?
I love to do hundreds of problems each day.
You boggle my mind and you make me go blind,
but still I'm ecstatic that you were assigned.

Homework, I love you. I tell you, it's true.
There's nothing more fun or exciting to do.
You're never a chore, for it's you I adore.
I wish that our teacher would hand you out more.

Homework, I love you. You thrill me inside.
I'm filled with emotions. I'm fit to be tied.
I cannot complain when you frazzle my brain.
Of course, that's because I'm completely insane.

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Task 5. Translate any four lines you like the best. Try to make them rhyme if possible.

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KEYS

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
G	H	K	F	A	I	L	B	J	E	D	C

1. Susan was worn to a **frazzle** after her last-minute Christmas shopping.
2. Mike's **cramming** for his chemistry exam.
3. The whole idea is quite **insane**.
4. Doctors think he will go **blind**.
5. His knowledge of computer is mind - **boggle**.
6. The teacher has **assigned** each of us a holiday task.
7. Martin was not exactly **ecstatic** at the news.
8. If you've also been caught in a traffic jam, you're maybe **fit to be tied** by the time you get to work.
9. Winning the first place must have been quite a **thrill**.
10. Washing is a **chore**.
11. Don't you just **adore** that dress!
12. The film had an **exciting** plot.

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<https://dictionary.cambridge.org/ru/словарь/английский/assign>

<https://dictionary.cambridge.org/ru/словарь/английский/insane>

<https://www.merriam-webster.com/dictionary/go%20blind>

<https://dictionary.cambridge.org/ru/словарь/англо-русский/cram>

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<https://dictionary.cambridge.org/ru/словарь/английский/exciting>

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<http://sentencedict.com/>