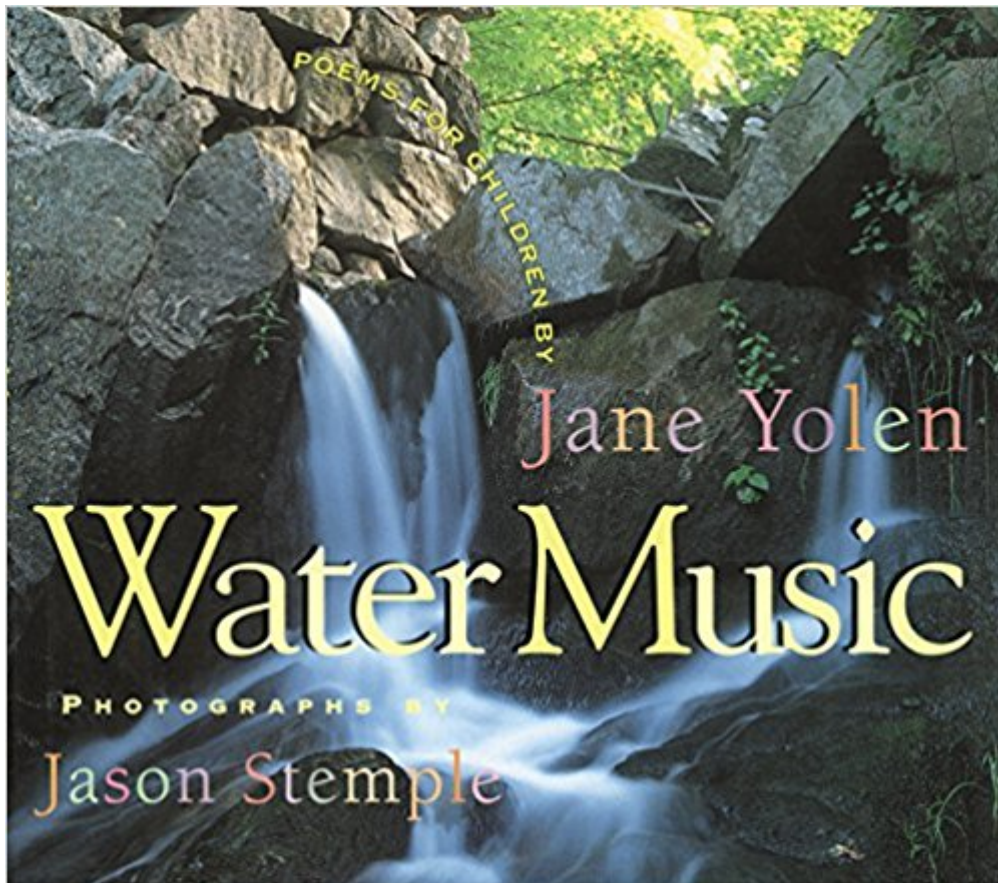




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Water Music: Poems For Children



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In pond, river, and ocean, as a solid, liquid, or gas, water is everywhere. But what does it evoke? What emotions are brought forth when we hear the crash of surf, see the rush of a stream, or feel the tickle of soap bubbles on our skin? In thoughtful poems, renowned author Jane Yolen takes a fresh look at water in all its forms, using photographer Jason Stemple's breathtaking pictures as inspiration. Waterfalls, steams, lakes, ocean waves, even bath water take on new meaning as poet and photographer examine these liquid landscapes through careful words and a camera's lens.

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Customer Reviews

Grade 3 Up?Yolen notes that Stemple's stunning full-color photographs were the inspiration for these 17 poems on different aspects of water. Ocean surf, dew drops, soap bubbles, a river, waterfall, icicle, and reflections are among the subjects sensitively wrought in words and pictures. The colors are soft and shimmering, reflecting the mood of quiet contemplation evoked by the verses. The attractively designed layout features one poem and photo per two-page spread. A book that can be appreciated by a wide audience.?Sally R. Dow, Ossining Public Library, NYCcopyright 1995 Reed Business Information, Inc. --This text refers to an out of print or unavailable edition of this title.

Gr. 3[^]-5, younger for reading aloud. A mother and son combine their talents in a book that builds on the theme of water in its various forms. Stemple's photographs, which Yolen notes preceded the poetry, are imaginatively composed and crisply focused. Never merely attractive landscapes, they actively draw the reader's attention to the special qualities of water wherever it is found. Yolen's 17 poems (including haiku and concrete poetry) invite us to consider water's mysterious sounds, paths, and powers. Many are easy to understand, though a few require reflection, and one, "The Rock Cries Out," may puzzle younger children. Useful in a primary science unit and for inspiring children to attempt poetry of their own. Susan Dove Lempke --This text refers to an out of print or unavailable edition of this title.

Reviewed by Robert Young, Lane ESDFor more reviews visit [...]Inspired by her son's photographs, Jane Yolen creates an interesting and thought-provoking series of poems about water in its many aspects. Her poems are rhythmic and fluently worded--grand examples for students of all ages. There is some variety in the types of poems included, but more would make this book even better. Most of the photographs are of a very high quality. This book has many examples of word usage as well as fluent writing, and it would be a good model for using pictures to inspire poetry.

This book is done in very similar format to *Snow, Snow*, also by Jason Stemple and Jane Yolen, although *Snow, Snow* holds together a little better due to the more constant nature of the pictures. However, this book is a little bit better geared for use in the classroom when discussing water, and its different forms.

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