

Writing Prompts by teen poet Solli Raphael, from his book, *Limelight*:

“Like figurative speech, writing prompts are another way to stimulate ideas and can enhance the writing process for any poet or writer. A writing prompt is an idea or sentence beginning that someone else has written and you have to finish that sentence off. I used writing prompts quite a lot when I was starting out with my poetry. The poems I keep or consider final aren’t the ones with writing prompts, but the prompts are what the ideas began with and they helped to get my creative thinking cap on.”

Write a poem about...

- The moon and the sea...
- A flower that has only three days to live...
- Falling off my bike was like...
- Your first memory of the beach
- An imaginary event, like being the first person to travel to a far-away galaxy
- A cat who is best friends with a mouse
- Your dream car
- Your day at school
- An issue that's important to you, like environmentalism or humanitarianism
- A remix of your most-loved or most-hated childhood nursery rhyme
- While listening to a song, rewrite the lyrics to the tune/rhythm/beat
- Write from someone else's point of view, like your brother, sister, a famous person, or someone you admire

On the reverse side, read Solli's award-winning poem, "Game Changer," and find out more about *Limelight*, a unique collection of slam poetry paired with inspirational writing techniques.

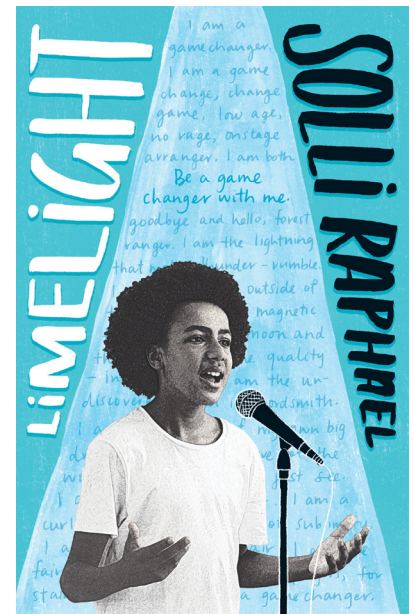
GAME CHANGER

I am a gamechanger.
I am a game change, change game, low age, no rage,
onstage arranger.
I am both yes and no, stay and go, catch and throw,
goodbye and hello, forest ranger.
I am the lightning that makes thunder—rumble.
I am the space—outside of the box.
I am the magnetic field between the moon and the sea.
I am the quality—in equality.
I am the undiscovered myth in wordsmith.
I am the reality, of my own big dreams.
I am the curve of the world, that I can only just see.
I am a gamechanger.
I am a curly hair very rare level of sublimity.
I am a square of fresh air.
I am the fair in share, a spare pair of prayers for stairs to
infinity.
I am a gamechanger.
And no matter how much **you** change,
No matter how much the **world** changes,
No matter how much **change** changes.
I will always be changing, as, **I**, am a gamechanger.

About the Author

At twelve, Solli Raphael was the youngest winner of the Australian Poetry Slam held at the Sydney Opera House annually. A budding humanitarian, he hopes to become an inspirational leader among his peers. Solli enjoys writing powerful and emotive poetry and performing pieces to instigate change in the areas he feels are critical for attention and action such as social equality, the environment, and animal protection.

Today, Solli is keen to use the platforms of performing and writing to tackle current social issues—big and small.



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