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ROSES ARE RED, OR TOMATO, OR CRIMSON...

Read the poem, "Shades of Red."

coral, tomato
crimson, and rose

red as a cherry
whose stem you pluck

red as an overblown
runny nose

those are some reds
my paintbox shows

red as a gleaming
new fire truck

these are the reds
that **everyone** knows!

--Laura Purdie Salas

What's **your** favorite color? _____

Brainstorm a list of words that are other names for your color. And list some things you know that are that color.

_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____

Now write a short poem using some of the words you came up with. Don't worry about rhyming!



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