



Moved by the spirit of Poem in Your Pocket day, Mayor Bloomberg began writing poems inspired by New York City. Here is a selection of the Mayor's original works.

### 2010 – "Hope NYC"

"Hope" is the thing with feathers  
That makes our City soar  
It will take us to the future  
As it's carried us before

Hope is the thing with feathers  
That travels all our streets  
It sings in every language  
It sometimes even tweets

And though we may not see it  
It perches everywhere  
In new shops and small businesses  
In every schoolroom chair

It could be our famous pigeon  
Or fabled red-tailed hawk  
Hope is the thing with feathers  
That flies throughout New YAWK

## 2009 - "NYC Service"

"Volunteer!" says our latest plan

Here's how all New Yorkers can:

Read to kids

Mentor one

Help some seniors have some fun

Serve some soup

Or plant trees

Spend some time at food pantries

Coach a team

(Always nice)

Give some legal or tax advice

Learn to do CPR

Or...

Join the NYC Civic Corps

Help in any way, kind volunteers

You'll receive New Yorkers' cheers

But right now, to get the biggest thanks

Help the pitching on the Mets and Yanks

## 2008 – “Press Conference”

Pardon me, sir, I've a question or two ...

You.

Sir, you said poetry is a delight...

Right.

Reading it makes you smarter, more mature?

Sure.

But is it better for people not to read verse?

Worse.

Do you read sonnets? Limericks? Odes?

Loads.

All these short answers. Why?

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Follow-up! What do you in your free time?

Rhyme.

Could poems appeal to the Press?

Yes.

Reporters, editors... uh-huh...

Duh.

But can they help with traffic congestion?

Next question.