



Yirara College, 2014

***The Disappearing* with poet Laurie May**

As part of a special pilot program supported by the Tim Fairfax Family Foundation, celebrated Laurie May delivered three intensive poetry workshops at Yirara College in Alice Springs.

Working with *The Disappearing* learning resource, Laurie May guided students through a range of writing activities to spark imaginations and help students publish their own poems on *The Disappearing* app.

Red Room Poetry Education inspires students and teachers to create, perform and publish poetry.

We enliven experiences with poetry by bringing contemporary poets into classrooms across Australia to run intensive writing workshops that awaken imaginations, support creative opportunities and curriculum outcomes.

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**Alice
Group Poem**

Alice is hot
like the devil's den
We love under fans
Cooling ourselves like kangaroos under trees

**Untitled
by Crystella C.**

The red rock shines
The blue sky brightens the rock
Nice lovely green trees

**Untitled
by Kaitlyn A.**

Friends vanish somewhere
The rain started pouring down
Never to be seen

**Untitled
by Lofty A.**

Family are gone
Wind takes them away sometime
The are gone too
long

**Untitled
by Mark**

Men mining her soul
Slowly destroying beauty
Headlice of the earth

**Untitled
by Mark**

Animals erased
Metal machines destroy land
Ripped open by men

**Untitled
by Tyron S.**

Blue sky changed colour
The man covers sky grey
Birds fall from the sky

**Untitled
by Mark & Melton**

The men on the hill
They are always watching you
Beware of the men

**Untitled
by Lofty A.**

Home under blue sky
Just like the trees on the ground
We walk along rocks

**Untitled
by Kaitlyn A.**

The smokes in between rocks
Colour stands out bright orange
Trees are very still

**Untitled
by Tyron S.**

Old boots rusty dirt
It smells bad like rotting mice
I coughed loudly twice

**Untitled
by Lofty A.**

It was just like a beat
And it was so sweet
The street so wet
As the rain comes from the sky
It splashed into our eyes
Drips from rooftops
of our homes
Sometimes we play in the rain
Like a fish swims through the drains
On nights like these...



Poet Bio

From Alice Springs, Laurie May is a resistance poet challenging societal norms and perspectives on poverty. Known for her clever, often humorous wordplay and pointed politics of identity themes. Laurie May is a touring poet working in schools and performing at festivals around the country, encouraging people everywhere to write their story, say what they mean and say it with passion. Drawing on her life experiences and desolate surrounding Laurie's work finds beauty in unexpected places.

About Us

The Red Room Company creates unusual and useful poetry projects that transform expectations of, and experiences with, poetry. We aspire to make poetry accessible to all, especially those who face the greatest barriers to creative opportunities.

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