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This is actually an assignment. You have to express your thoughts about *something* that you liked in this course. You can do it either in prose or poetry. Limit it to a page. (It counts as two homework questions, so spend a few hours on it.) Here are two examples from Nemanja Isailovic.

(Haiku) A set of problems, Intractable or easy? We may never know.

(Limerick)
There once were a tough set of problems;
Many theorists tried hard to solve 'em.
But all they e'er say
Was, "Just give me a way
To solve one and I'll have solved all of 'em."

Of course, you can also write a serious piece. Example: "My thoughts on randomness."