

English

This week we will be focusing on:

- how poets use language and themes for comic and dramatic effects
- the impact of rhyme in performance poetry
- SPAG

I can read Caribbean poetry and discuss how the language changes.



Curried Crab

Hello Mr. Crab!
It's nice to meet you
Curried sweet
I'm going to eat you
Goodbye Mr. Crab!
Nneka Edwards

Caribbean poetry (often used synonymously for West Indian **poetry**) comprises any form whatsoever **poem**, rhyme, or lyric that derives from the **Caribbean** region and writers of the **Caribbean** diaspora.

Hum with a hummingbird
Hovering around a rosy hibiscus
Dancing, darting, diving, dipping
Flying, fluttering, fleeting, flitting
Sun-shimmer sapphire sipping

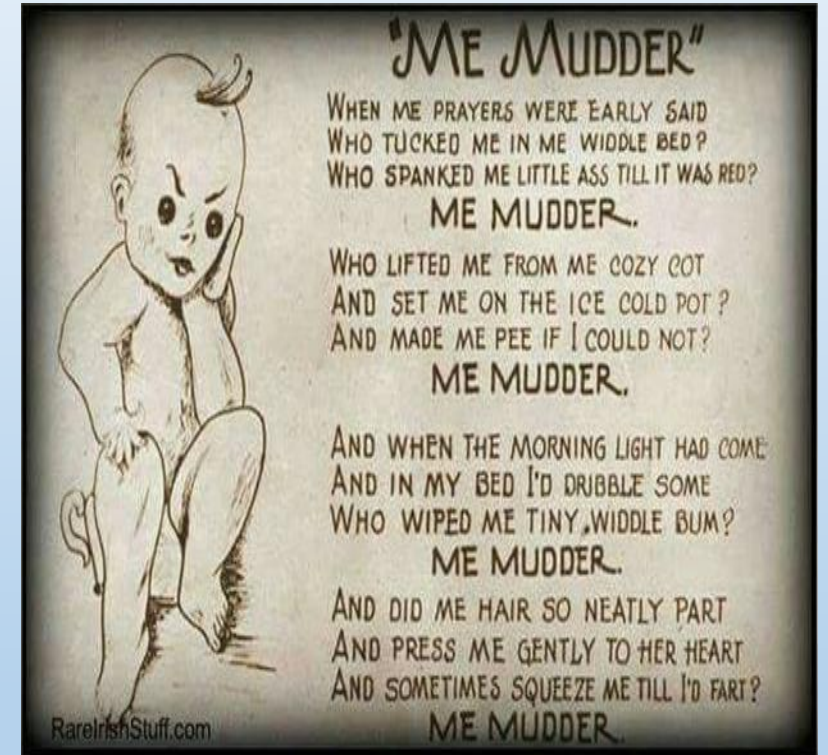
Read the Poem *I love Me Mudder*

I LUV ME MUDDER

I luv me mudder an me mudder luv me
We cum so far from over de sea,
We heard dat de streets were paved wid gold
Sometimes it's hot, sometimes it's cold,
I luv me mudder an me mudder luv me
We try fe live in harmony
Yu might know her as Valerie
But to me she's just my mummy.

She shouts at me daddy so loud sometime
She's always been a friend of mine
She's always doing de best she can
She works so hard down ina Englan,
She's always singin sum kinda song
She has big muscles an she very, very strong,
She likes pussycats an she luv cashew nuts
An she don't bother wid no if an butts.

I luv me mudder an me mudder luv me
We come so far from over de sea,
We heard dat de streets were paved wid gold
Sometimes it's hot, sometimes it's cold,
I luv her and whatever we do
Dis is a luv I know is true,
My people, I'm talking to yu
Me and my mudder we luv yu too.



By Benjamin Zephaniah

Now listen to this poem being read by its author Benjamin Zephaniah

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=IU5IX_UKEjM

Task 1

Why do you think the pronunciation of words is different – what language is this?

What could the words mean? Write down the meanings. E.g. luv = love

Task 2

Change the words that you think are misspelt and underline them.

Next - change them for the correct words

Record yourself reading the poem with the English words put in and email back to your teacher.