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Polyptoton for Poetry

Polyptoton means repeating a root word in different ways in close proximity. It is a form of repetition, and as such, contributes to the rhythmic feel of a sentence. Polyptoton can be used to create rhythm, beauty, and musicality. Polyptoton can also make something feel lighthearted, silly, fun, and playful.

DIRECTIONS: Write a short poem that uses polyptoton. Your poem may be about anything that you like, and it does not have to rhyme. Only use as many lines as you need, but try to write at least four lines.

The word I want to emphasize is: _____

Brainstorm as many different versions of the root word as you can:
