



*Give Us a Poem*

By Glenn Ligon

Black PVC and white neon, 2007.

Gift of the artist.

Photo by Adam Reich.

Courtesy of The Studio Museum in Harlem.

Dear Parents,

As your child's first educator, prepare him or her for success in school by spending time together looking and talking about art and the world around us!

This "Rhyme Time" family activity guide introduces this electric artwork from The Studio Museum in Harlem.

Use this at home or at the Museum to engage your child in fun ways of looking and exploring this artwork and the alphabet!

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## At-Home Family Activity Guide

### Rhyme Time

#### **1. Look Closely and Discuss:**

- What letters can you find?
- Act out the letters with your body!
- Together, read the words.
- Name some of the things that make “me” special. Name some of the things “we” do that are special.
- This artwork is made of neon lights that switch on and off from “me” to “we.” Which word is brighter in the photo?

#### **2. Explore further:**

##### **Opposites Attract**

Encourage your child to notice the colors they see. Share with him or her that black and white are opposites. Explore other opposite words (e.g. small/big, short/tall, light/dark, day/night, clean/dirty) by saying a word and having your child name its opposite.

##### **Rhyme Time**

Share with your child that “me” and “we” rhyme. See how many rhyming words you and your child can find. For example: hat, cat, mat, sat, and bat. Read a silly rhyming book like “Hop on Pop” by Dr. Seuss.

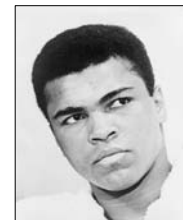
Exploring rhymes prepares young children to learn to read. It helps them become aware of the sounds and parts of words that repeat often.

##### **See it in-person!**

Visit The Studio Museum in Harlem with your Cool Culture Family Pass:  
THE STUDIO MUSEUM IN HARLEM  
144 West 125th Street  
(between Lenox & 7th Avenues)  
(212) 864-4500  
<http://www.studiomuseum.org/>

#### **Did you know?**

- ✓ “Me We” is a two-word poem by championship boxer Muhammad Ali.
- ✓ Another famous quote of Ali’s is:  
“Float like a butterfly; Sting like a bee.”
- ✓ Artist Glenn Ligon (pronounced “Lie-gone”) created this artwork using white neon lights, like the kind used for a store or restaurant sign.
- ✓ “Me, we” is the shortest poem in the English language!



Draw a picture of "me" and a picture of "we"! "We" can be you and your family, or you and your friends.

