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Around the World in Eighty Poems

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Berry, James. *Around the World in Eighty Poems*. Illustrated by Katherin Lucas. Chronicle Books, 2002. ISBN 0811835065. \$19.95. 96 pp.

Reviewer: Annette Van Wagenen

Reading Level: Primary

Rating: Excellent

Genre: Contemporary realistic poetry;

Subject: Children's poetry--Juvenile fiction; Books—Reviews;

Take a journey around the world with 94 pages of imaginative poems from the Arctic Circle to England, by way of such places as Russia, Kenya, and Australia. The author has selected poetry that can be seriously dramatic or comically lighthearted. In these pages "a bull gored the sun with its horns," "caps fly off the scented blossoms," and "the wind wandering in the night rocks the fields of wheat."

With brilliant water-colored illustrations, these poems from more than 50 different countries invite children to share in the richness of cultures around the globe.