



This writing prompt was developed in conjunction with Lightbox interviews with [Tarfia Faizullah](#) and [Phillip B. Williams](#). For more information, please see www.lightboxpoetry.com.

Writing Prompt

Choose a non-literary format of text you encounter often. It could be a business letter, an advertisement, a webpage, a recipe, a series of tweets. Think about how the text presents information, how its creator arranges the information visually/spatially, as well as the quantity and quality of that information. Write a poem that takes the form of this text. How can the conventions of another format create poetic possibilities? How can you stretch the bounds of what a poem might be? For inspiration, you could consult Phillip B. Williams's sequence, "Witness," from *Thief in the Interior*.