

# Need a Poem

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Tonight I need a poem about  
being calm and how babies sleep deep  
and the full moon illuminates my yard.

A friend arrives with a good book  
and we share a pot of chamomile tea.

Together, we saunter on a forest walk  
and then stop at a bistro for a glass of wine.

I need a poem about how soft  
my late dog's fur was and

how fun it is to lick ice cream  
off a cone with my granddaughter  
on my lap.

To hold up my world  
I need all this  
In one poem.

Now.

But always.