WeGo Public Transit, in partnership with Metro Arts, is proud to bring you Poetry in Motion® 2020. This national program showcases poetry in transit systems throughout the country to create broader readership for poets of all ages.

Our current collection celebrates National Poetry Month with work from writers in our community and includes haikus selected from a city-wide contest held by the Porch Writer’s Collective.

Enjoy.

Love one of these poems? We’d love to hear about it. Snap a photo of your favorite piece and tag us.
@OurArtsNash @WeGoTransit #PoetryInMotionNashville
My city,
bluegrass rhythm,
freedom riders,
honky tonks,
hope tomorrow sings,
writing poetry in footprints of yesterday.
Nashville’s beauty;
lyrics change,
beat stays the same.

Alora Young
Hillsboro High School

Secret art on the east side buildings;
telling the stories Nashville doesn’t show,
displaying music notes no one knows,
all for the thrill—
Music City.

Travisha Simmons
Pearl-Cohn Entertainment Magnet High School

Argo Neel
Nashville Big Picture High School

A place of calm does exist within Nashville,
Outside the traffic,
the noise,
the country music,
rests a place of quiet,
only the awake notice.

Arlo Neel
Nashville Big Picture High School

On my street the asphalt dipped and dented.
When the sky cried,
my hello kitty rain boots kept me company,
until my adventures were repaved.

LaVontea Crowder
Pearl-Cohn Entertainment Magnet High School

From the rose of Nashville,
you see the way people express themselves from art in parks—
the world is canvas
and streets are your stage.

I stand on the corner of Jefferson Street.
As rich notes flow past me:
swinging jazz,
sultry blues,
a feeling of euphoria,
only Nashville possesses.

Iman Omer
Martin Luther King Jr. Academic Magnet High School

Jefferson Street

The weathered face
met an infant’s curious smile,
together, we watched the sun paint a silhouette of our city,
and then continued our intertwined lives.

Joycenna Goodner
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E Pluribus Unum

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Isa Cruz
Hume-Fogg Academic Magnet High School

In a place overlooked—
Diane Nash,
Reverend James Lawson,
the forgotten ones.
A museum captures liveliness of the neighborhoods,
past and present,
gateway to heritage.

Diane Nash
Reverend James Lawson

Geralaniqa Edmondson
John Early Museum Magnet Middle School

Gateway to Heritage

Centennial Park wants to say something.
Somebody found some ground and said it’s 100-years-old.
It’s around a billion.
Other grounds are jealous.

Rachel Sapir
Martin Luther King Jr. Academic Magnet High School

Overtaking music that makes you wanna dance,
Greeting you like they’ve known you all along.
Delicious aroma of barbecue.
Watching our two-tone blue.

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