A CALLIGRAM

A calligram is a poem in which the calligraphy, that is the formation of the letters or the font selected, represents an aspect of the poem's subject, as in the following:

thin ancient growth

A poem about fear might be written in shaky letters to represent trembling.







Scan several editions of *your newspaper* and clip out words in different fonts. Paste the words in the space below. Next to each, jot down possible themes or topics the fonts suggest to you.

Choose one font and use it as the inspiration for a poem. Write the title of the poem in the font you chose.

Jennifer Hind, "Calligram," The Royal Gazette, Bermuda, 2003.