

To Build a Poem

first, await your muse,
the wellspring of creation
— can't start without her

next, design your floorplan:
five rooms, stuffed to the rafters
— there's no space to waste

equip your kitchen
for preparing tasty bites
to please and/or tease

furnish your parlor
with metaphors and riddles;
write between the lines

top off your work with
a beguiling marquee, like
"To Build a Poem"



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