Make It Clear: Poet’s Grammar Tool Kit

Here are three important rules of grammar. Use them when you write your poem.

1. Subjects and verbs agree.
   
   Our example: The poem is inspiring. The poems are wonderful.

   Your example:
   
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2. An infinitive is a form of a verb; keep your infinitive connected.
   
   Our example: To write a poem thoughtfully, think before you write.

   Your example:
   
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3. If you use the wrong tense, your reader will get tense.
   
   Our example: The poet wrote one poem yesterday; the poet writes another poem today; the poet will write another poem tomorrow.

   Your example:
   
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4. What’s a rule about using semi-colons that you will find we followed in our example for item 3? You write that rule.

Then you give your example.

5. Your turn--write another grammar rule that you think is important to a poet. Give your example, too.