

Storytelling scripture - Your turn...

A psalm of thankfulness...

Writing a psalm is an opportunity to creatively respond to God through poetry. I've written a stanza that personally reflects each section of the Eden story. Try using the same 4-part structure by adding to your poem under each heading. A key tip for writing a psalm would be to make it relational. I've repeated words throughout like 'you' and 'me' - to highlight who God is, what he's done and how that has impacted me. Ending each line on 'you' or 'me' also helps building with rhyme and rhythm. (I find that 'me' is a great rhyming word - e.g. Calvary, majesty, you've set me 'free' - but you can also repeat it and change the verb that precedes it - e.g. you **know** me and **hold** me).

God – you created me

You knitted me

intricately.

You don't need an app to find me

and you also remind me that
before I knew you, you fully knew me.

God – I was broken

I messed up

but now I'm fessing up

to the fact that I can't do this life stuff
without you.

God – you restored me

You rescued and redeemed me

'cos Jesus laid his life down at Calvary.

It changed the fate of humanity,

and by choosing you, Lord,

I can say with clarity

and with no hint of vanity

that because of you...

God – I'm a new creation.

And you are owing the standing ovation

'cos you know me and hold me

and hold together all creation –

your creation – heaven and earth,

but minus the broken bits.

Full on restoration.

You're making me new.

You're making all things new.