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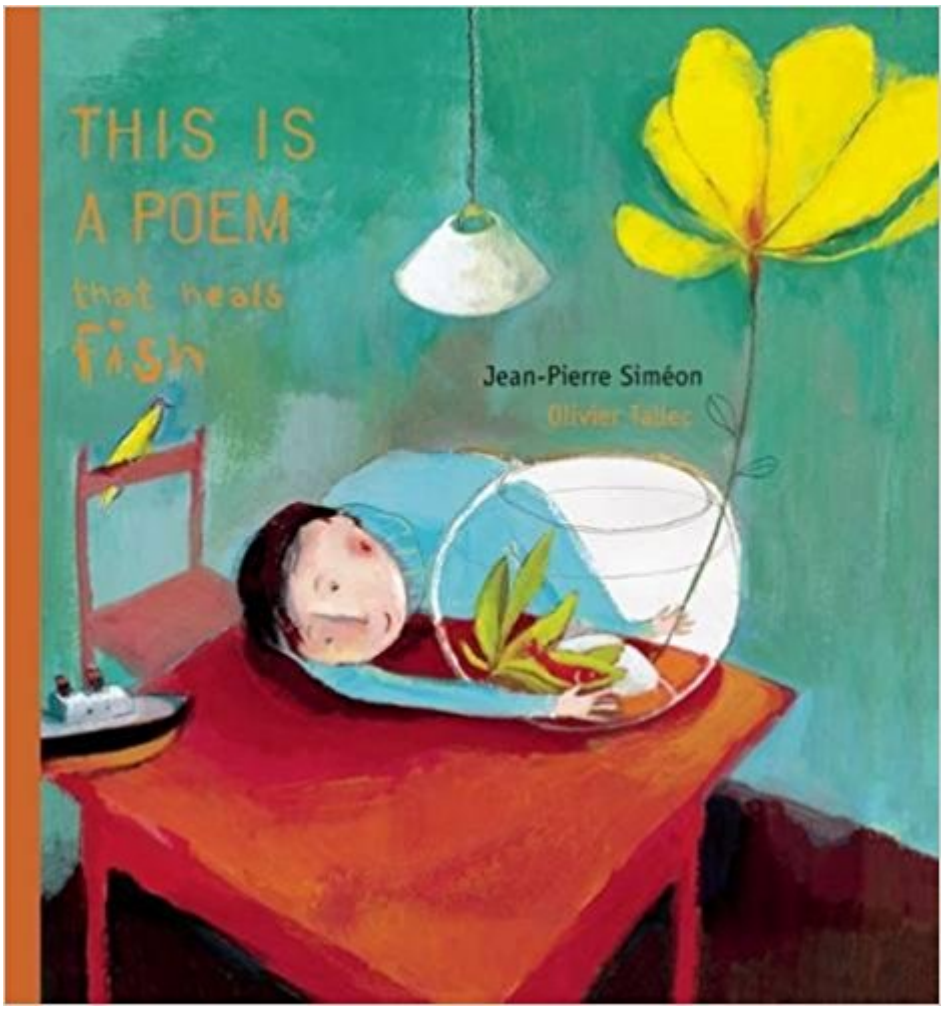

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how we give shape to those deepest longings."Ã¢â ¬â ¢Maria Popova, Brain Pickings

Jean-Pierre SimÃƒÂ©on is a poet, novelist and dramatist. He is a professor of modern languages and literature who has worked prodigiously in the field of poetry. He has published regularly since 1984 and has received the Antonin Artaud Prize (1984), the Guillaime Apollinaire Prize (1994)and the Max Jacob Prize (2006). Olivier Tallec was born in Brittany in 1970. After graduating from the Ecole SupÃƒÂ©rieure d'Art graphique in Paris he worked in advertising as a graphic designer, after which he devoted himself to illustration. Since then he has done numerous illustrations for newspapers and magazines and has illustrated over 50 books for children.

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I randomly picked up this book at the library and it was such a hit that I bought a copy. The images are lovely and the text is like the best of poems. The story does a fantastic job of communicating the power of poetry to children. Even my sister, a high school English teacher, praised it and will share it with her classes.A fantastic introduction to poetry for children!

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