

Writing Prompt: Borders/Barriers Poem

; “You need to know _____ if you’re going to learn to miss her.”
(name of place you love)

List: People and their places that are linked to the place listed above.
The Castro’s in the house across the street/their Chihuahua Seymour

What you need to know about the place:

Weather:

Geographical Features: Rivers/Mountains/Trains/Lakes

Neighborhood Places/Hangouts/Streets/Businesses:

Food:

Sounds: Noise/Music/Voices:

Olea Jackson
Garrett 4th

Favorite Place

I'm from where the sun shines
And outsiders think it's always hot
Where it's so hard not to cut school
And males stay deep on blocks
Where the golden gate bridge is famous for
Where people with a little money hunger for more
That stinky smell of Merritt Lake
Where you don't have any friends because everyone is fake
Where bridges and huge freeways fell
Back in 1989 when it too hard for
Me to remember and tell
With that good smell of seafood, barbeque, and soul food
So soothing to the soul makes you wanna
Kick off your shoes
Where St. John Missionary Baptist Church
On 1909 Market Street is known
Don't go to the club on a Saturday night
Then go to church
You will wound up with your feelings hurt
Where you know momma Gracie
Will put you on blast
Where you wish going and this hype
Music will last
I love Oakland, California
The city where I'm from
Because everybody in the town is known for going dumb

Michael Dean
Need to know poem

Do you know Portland enough to miss her?

You need to know Portland if you're going to learn to miss her.

You need to know about the winters, the time that snow is prayed for by kids and teens.

So they can have days off of school, to hang out and do other things.

The time when adults pray heavily, and ask God for no snow.

'Cause no chains and black ice stop them from going where they need to go.

You need to know about the springs, April being month that's most confused.

Switching from sunshine to rain in an instant, do I wear rain boots or tennie shoes?

Then about beautiful May, the best month of the year.

The month you can trust to give you nice weather, with absolutely no doubt nor fear.

You need to know about the summers, when comfort is the key.

Little raspy, nasty girls, showing more skin showing than you can see.

Warm, hot weather, not likely to exceed the degrees of 109.

But don't be surprised, if you see rain mixed with the sunshine.

The last and final season, the lovely adorable autumn will call.

Red, yellow, and orange leaves, slowly began to fall.

Know that no matter if you're a foxy gal, or a handsome fellah.

Never go outside, in Portland, unless you have an umbrella.

You need to know Portland if you're going to learn to miss her.

You need to know where to go, what to see what to do.

Learn how to let go of what's old, and get with what's new.

You need to know Killingsworth, Lombard, Interstate and MLK.

Portland Blvd., Albina, and how to get to Mid-K.

You need to know Jeff, where we represent in blue and gold.

Where we like to be shown by actions, not just told.

You need to know the Lloyd Center, Clackamas Town Center, and Jentzen Beach,

And where to go to hear righteous people preach.

ET, VT, and of course S&D.

Where you can just keep it real, you be you, I be me.

You need to know Doris' Café, Yam Yam's, and Brown's BBQ.

Places to eat real good, those are just to name a few.

I've run out of time, now it's time for me to go

Just wanted to inform you of some things you need to know.