Poems

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by Doug Macleod

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Swamp Lump
Plodding in the Ooze,
Belly Shiver
Jelly Quiver
Squelching in my shoes.

Clomp Thump
Romp Jump
Mulching all the Mud,
Boot Trudge
Foot Sludge
Thud! Thud! Thud!

Squishy Words
by Alastair Reid

(to be said when wet)

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Answers may vary

These two fun poems are good examples of words that create humor and sound effects. Talk about rhyme and rhythm with your child. Also discuss the use of capital letters, and encourage him or her to say and write effective sound words.