

## 86 stories included in *rain stories*, collected by Greer Taylor

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- 1 The rain began again. It fell heavily, easily, with no meaning or intention but the fulfilment of its own nature, which was to fall and fall – Helen Garner, Australian novelist
- 2 Rain has just begun to fall over the paddock and the backs of horses are darkened - sending rivulets down their still-dry flanks – gt
- 3 Rain can fall at different speeds: from 2 metres per second to 9 metres per second and is determined by the size of the rain drop – rain fact
- 4 When rain and the sunbeams shine mingled together, they [silver voiced bell-birds] start up like fairies that follow fair weather – Henry Kendall 1839-1882, Australian poet
- 5 I like the muddy puddles that rain makes, so I can jump in them – Patrick, age 9, Melton
- 6 happy mountain raindrops, each one of them a high waterfall in itself, descending from the cliffs and hollows of the clouds – John Muir 1838-1913, American conservationist
- 7 many may curse the rain that falls upon their heads, and know not that it brings abundance to drive away the hunger – Basil of Caesarea 329-379 AD, Greek theologian
- 8 A double rainbow is seen when the light is reflected twice inside a raindrop - the colours are reversed in the second rainbow – rain fact
- 9 The best thing one can do when it's raining is to let it rain – Henry Wadsworth Longfellow 1807-1882, American Poet
- 10 I love to listen to the sound of rain when it hits the roof of my bedroom – Travis, age 10, Melton
- 11 The drops of rain make a hole in the stone, not by violence, but by falling over and over – Lucretius 99-55BC, Roman Poet
- 12 Tears of joy are like the summer rain drops pierced by sunbeams – Hosea Ballou 1771-1852, American writer
- 13 When it rains I like to wear my rain coat and gum boots, so I can jump in the puddle and walk around – Adita, age 10, Melton
- 14 It takes billions of water droplets reflecting sunlight to make a rainbow visible to the human eye – rain fact
- 15 In this warm spring rain, tiny leaves are sprouting from the eggplant seed – Matsuo Basho 1644-1694, Japanese Edo poet
- 16 Misty rain rests on my eyelashes - gathering - a small torrent breaks free to run down my face - it is not tears I cry but rain – gt
- 17 drops pound the earth, steam rises from the dry river bed, expelling a sigh of relief... the drought has broken – Deborah Redwood, Wollongong
- 18 Look at the little fruit tree after rain, full of shivering droplets lusciously glistening in the sun Joseph Horvat remembering – Croatian poet Dobriša Cesarić 1902-1980
- 19 It rains in my heart when I think of you: like rain you are beautiful, like rain you nourish my life, like rain... like rain... like rain... – gt
- 20 Thunderous fog offers soothing mixture. Precipitation abound, flooded relief. Illumination, growth – Anonymous, Melton
- 21 When it is misty in the evenings and I am out walking, ... the rain is falling through my heart and causing it to crumble into ruins – Gustave Flaubert 1821-1880, French writer

- 22 'Ban minn' and 'ban a bil' are words from the local Aboriginal language of Woiwurrung, meaning rain – courtesy of Wurundjeri Tribe Land Cultural Heritage Council
- 23 Only very small raindrops are spheres. A rain drop never takes on the shape of a tear drop. As they get larger they become flatter – rain fact
- 24 After the rain there is always a rainbow, if you follow it to the end you might find some gold if you don't – better luck next time – Almira, age 10, Melton
- 25 Rainfall is measured using a rain gauge: a funnel-shaped collector that tells us how much rain has fallen since the last time we checked – rain fact
- 26 Melton frogs: spotted marsh frog, eastern banjo frog, striped marsh frog, growling grass frog, whistling tree frog, common spadefoot toad – Melton rain fact
- 27 After heavy spring rains in 2010 brought Merrimu Reservoir to 70% capacity, it become the main supply of drinking water to Melton – Melton rain fact
- 28 When dry soil is first wet by rain the smell is intense: named 'petrichor' from the Greek for rock (petra) and blood of the gods (ichor) – rain fact
- 29 Rain is delightful. It nourishes the garden, makes the flowers bloom. The birds drink from the eaves of garages, away from the claws of cats – Alison, Melton
- 30 As light fades into a dark evening and rain slicks the road, traffic lights shimmer bright in the watery mirror like an abstract painting – gt
- 31 Be like the forces of nature: when it blows, there is only wind; when it rains, there is only rain; when the clouds pass, sun shines through – Lao Tzu 604-531BC, Chinese Taoist poet
- 32 Rainbows happen when sunlight reflects from the inside of a raindrop - each colour reflects differently breaking white light into colours – rain fact
- 33 As warm air rises it cools: no longer able to hold as much moisture as when it was warm, it releases its moisture to the earth as rain – rain fact
- 34 Rain falls, gathering into small rivulets, meeting to becomes streams, at each step lifting particles of earth to deposit them downstream – gt
- 35 Rain thundering down for days and days, creating rivers for footpaths, and sinking into the ground there is so much rain. Rain, rain, rain – Ms Jb., Melton
- 36 It is ever so good to feel the rain on your skin - to forget the umbrella and let the rain soak through your clothes and run down your back – gt
- 37 It rained heavily overnight and the morning roads are thick with water - tyres of early morning commuters cut through with a slushy roar – gt
- 38 Heavens billow black masses. Wind glaciates my pores, yearn to reach god, but angst, doubt wield salted tears. Deity vaporises – Anonymous, Melton
- 39 Drops of rain, rain, rain, they come in different sizes, different shapes, much like the people that wear them as they go about their day – Gabriela Haddad, Melton
- 40 A rain drop can never be larger than 5mm - at this size the force of the air exerted on it as it falls becomes too great and it breaks up rain fact
- 41 Not all clouds will drop rain - some float like cotton wool across a blue sky to tease the thirsty earth with the promise of water – gt
- 42 At school on rainy days we were stuck inside all lunchtime: crazy, like animals in the Ark! The teachers blamed excess electrons – Moira Kirkwood, Wollongong

- 43 Rain gives us water and makes the air fresh. It keeps animals, people and plants alive. You can swim and get wet. I love rain – Alexis, age 8, Melton
- 44 no rain: no frogs. Rain comes: frogs sing, calling urgently to a mate. Rain overnight: frog's eggs everywhere, to become tadpoles – gt
- 45 Have you ever felt 'tree rain'? - rain that falls from trees long after the rain clouds have passed on – gt
- 46 We are 70% rain - rain that fell out of the sky runs in our veins and nourishes our cells - we are the rain – rain fact
- 47 I like to listen to the rain. Rain goes on the garden and makes it grow nicely – Brodie, age 7, Melton
- 48 Freed by the rain the rock escaped its tomb and plopped into the river – Alena Kennedy, Wollongong
- 49 I like rain. It makes me think of a swimming pool. All living things need rain to survive – Lukas, age 10, Melton
- 50 In this lingering sun shower strutting magpies taste and sing the rain – Mark Miller, Australian poet
- 51 I like to see lightening from rain – Ben, age 5, Melton
- 52 The City of Melton is an area of low rainfall, receiving an average of around 490 mm of rainfall annually – Melton rain fact
- 53 I like to stay inside and play my Xbox when it rains – Sam, age 13, Melton
- 54 After the downpour, gang-gangs in the eucalypt branches - black rags hung out to dry – Mark Miller, Australian poet
- 55 In the calm before the storm a rich soothing smell consumes the air. Rain, the giver of life, is on its way... – Nathaniel Taylor, Melbourne
- 56 Rain can gently water the garden but it can also move house-sized boulders when it gathers together in a torrent – gt
- 57 Rain makes puddles and fills in your swimming pool so you can play in them – Brodie, age 8, Melton
- 58 August in Melton has more rainy days than any other month, yet it is October that has the highest average rainfall – Melton rain fact
- 59 I love playing in the rain in the puddles – Benjamin, age 13, Melton
- 60 800 litres of water falls on the roof of an average sized house for every 5mm of rain that falls – rain fact
- 61 The rain is raining all around, It falls on field and tree, It rains on the umbrellas here, And on the ships at sea – Robert Louis Stevenson 1850-1895, Scottish novelist
- 62 When the rain is hitting the roof extremely hard it makes me think a dangerous thunder storm is coming – Lukas, age 10, Melton
- 63 Rain runs like tears falling down a cheek when it runs down a window but from the inside I cannot feel their wetness – gt
- 64 Out on the reef, sail-boarders slice through the fine lace-curtain of rain clean as flensing blades – Mark Miller, Australian poet
- 65 I love listening to the rain on the roof and the frogs in the pond when it is raining – Mitchell, age 15, Melton

- 66 rain drops hold to the leaves each adding its small weight, accumulated they can bend a branch to the ground – gt
- 67 Toolern Creek runs through Melton City - it, like all rain water falling in Melton, flows towards the Werribee River – Melton rain fact
- 68 Heavy rain beats against the windscreen - wipers slash wildly, hardly keeping time with the oncoming deluge – gt
- 69 We see rainbows when the sun is behind us and falling rain is in front of us. The best rainbows are seen when the sun is low – rain fact
- 70 Thunder swirls below and around me on the mountain side. Rain whips the earth and my life clean. Watering withered hopes and dreams – Lilli Pang, storyteller
- 71 Rain is part of the water cycle: it falls and gathers, to be used by plants and animals, ultimately to evaporate, and return as rain – rain fact
- 72 All rivers flow as a result of rain – rain that fell days ago... or eons ago... if enough rain falls over a short time a river will flood – gt
- 73 rain covering the ground ... with a sheet of flowing water, a transparent film fitted like a skin upon the rugged anatomy of the landscape – John Muir 1838 -1913, American conservationist
- 74 I'd run outside while it is raining and can hear the frogs croaking. I'd look around trying to find them but never do, they hide so well – Ashlee, age 12, Melton
- 75 Rain does not always reach the ground directly from a cloud - sometimes it gets held back on the surface of a leaf only to fall later as 'tree rain' – gt
- 76 Sang the brook: "I laugh at every [rain]drop. And wish they never need to stop, till a big, big river I grow to be, and could find my way to the sea – Clara Doty Bates 1838-1895, English Poet
- 77 it would take 38,000,000,000 (38,000 million) drops of rain to fill an olympic sized swimming pool ...based on the biggest raindrop – rain fact
- 78 The Melton Reservoir on the Werribee River collects rainwater which is used to irrigate local vegetable crops within the Werribee Irrigation District – Melton rain fact
- 79 Rain is a damp shawl: everything's closer; secrets shared. I'm inside a great grey animal: light is dimmed, yet green things glow – Moira Kirkwood, Wollongong
- 80 Rain lashes already sodden earth. Spontaneous waterfalls follow already carved crevices down surrounding hills to an unseen end – Judy, Melton
- 81 rain comes, puddles gather, frogs sing, eggs everywhere, tadpoles wriggling, becoming frogs. Puddles now dry... where do the frogs go? – gt
- 82 It pours and pours; And swift and wide, With a muddy tide, Like a river down the gutter roars, The rain, the welcome rain – Henry Wadsworth Longfellow 1807-1882, American Poet
- 83 The rain began again. It fell heavily, easily, with no meaning or intention but the fulfilment of its own nature, which was to fall and fall – Helen Garner, Australian novelist
- 84 Melton is in the Werribee River catchment area - a 2700 sq km area, including Werribee, Lerderderg, Maribyrnong, Little Rivers – Melton rain fact
- 85 Sunshine..., rain..., wind..., snow...; there is really no such thing as bad weather, only different kinds of good weather – John Ruskin 1819-1900, English art critic, patron, social thinker
- 86 Rain plays music on my soul it pitter-patters gentle sounds ...but it can also play like heavy-metal against my roof – gt