

Quatrain: 4 lines of poetry.

Formed by two rhyming couplets.

This pattern is called a a b b. The first line rhymes with the second, and the third line rhymes with the fourth line.

Other quatrain patterns are a b a b, a b b a, and a b c b.

Example (a a b b):

Out by the sea,

there was a flea.

He wanted to learn to swim,

but ended up going to the gym.

## Haiku:

Japanese form of poetry.

Form is 17 syllables in three lines with pattern: first line, 5 syllables; second line 7 syllables; third line, 5 syllables. Usually has nature themes.

### Beach

Beach sand is like salt,  
the air surrounding is fresh.  
A place to recharge.

# Limerick:

Lines 1, 2 and 5 rhyme.

Lines 3 and 4 rhyme.

*Usually humorous in nature.*

Down at the bog there was a frog,  
who made friends with a dog.  
Everyday they would meet,  
and enjoy a sweet treat.  
And read their favorite blog.

Couplet - two lines of poetry which are a self-contained unit.

There once was a young frog,  
who made friends with dog.

## Concrete or Shape Poem

A concrete or shape poem is a poem that forms a picture of the topic, or follows the contours of a shape that is suggested by the topic. In other words a concrete poem is one that takes the shape of the object it describes.



Friday night. Stars shine so brightly. They sparkle in  
the night sky. They are  
always there, when I need  
them, to make a wish every  
Friday night.