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| Sonnet | A poem written in 14 lines of 5 beats, usually exploring a feeling or state of mind rather than telling a story. It usually ends with a couplet (a pair of rhyming lines). |
| Haiku | A short poem presenting images of nature, with no strong rhythm or rhyme. |
| Ballad | A traditional folk-song that tells a story, in four line stanzas with a regular rhythm and rhyme. |
| Cinquain | A short poem of five unrhymed lines. |
| Heroic couplets | A poem in rhyming pairs of lines, with five beats per line, often telling a story. |
| Limerick | A humorous poem of five lines with a strict rhyme and rhythm. |
| Villanelle | A poem of five three line stanzas using only two rhymes, repeated throughout. This is followed by a 4 line stanza in a slightly different rhyme pattern.  |
| Ode | A lyric poem usually addressed to a particular subject, with lines of varying lengths and complex rhythms. |

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