

Types of poems - What speaks to you?

Limerick - a five-line witty poem with a distinctive rhythm. The first, second and fifth lines, the longer lines, rhyme. The third and fourth shorter lines rhyme. (A-A-B-B-A).

Haiku - Haiku's are composed of 3 lines, each a phrase. The first line typically has 5 syllables, second line has 7 and the 3rd and last line repeats another 5.

Narrative - A narrative poem tells the story of an event in the form of a poem.

Epic - a lengthy narrative poem in grand language celebrating the adventures and accomplishments of a legendary or conventional hero

Couplet - two lines of verse which rhyme and form a unit alone or as part of a poem

Free Verse - A Free Verse Poem does not follow any rules. Their creation is completely in the hands of the author.

Acrostic - each letter of a word is the start of a line in the poem

ABC - each word starts with sequential letters of the alphabet

Found poetry - Poetry created by taking words, phrases, and passages from other sources and re-framing them by adding spaces, lines, or by altering the text with additions or subtractions.

Shape or Visual - Poetry written in the shape or form of an object, or arranged to communicate it's meaning.

Sonnet - a short rhyming poem with 14 lines. Sonnets use iambic meter in each line and use line-ending rhymes.