Poetry

A **Haiku Poem** is a poem with three lines and a total of seventeen syllables. The first line has five syllables, the second line has seven syllables, and the last line has five syllables.

Haiku Poem Example:

The first day of school,

All the kids are excited.

Bell rings! Time to start!

A **Cinquain Poem** is a poem with five lines and eleven total words.

Line 1 – One word giving the title (noun or person, place, thing)

Line 2 – Two words that describe the title (adjectives)

Line 3 – Three words that express action (verbs ending in ‘ing’)

Line 4 – Four words that express feeling or describe more

Line 5 – One word that gives the title a different name (synonym)

Cinquain Poem Example:

Poetry

Clever, Crafty

Writing, Composing, Describing

Best Words, Best Order

Verse

A **Limerick Poem** is a humorous poem with five lines and an AABBA rhyme scheme.

Limerick Poem Example (By Edward Lear):

There was an Old Man with a beard,

Who said, “It is just as I feared! –

Two Owls and a Hen,

Four larks and a Wren,

Have all built their nests in my beard.”

An **Acrostic Poem** is a poem where the first letter of each line spells out a word or a phrase.

Acrostic Poem Example (Google):

**A**n Acrostic poem

**C**an be about anything,

**R**eally.

**O**f course, some people like to

**S**tart each line like a sentence,

**T**hough,

**I** prefer weaving words into a

**C**reation that has more freeform.

**Bonus:**  Try a Concrete Poem or Shape poem. A **shape poem** is a **poem** that is **shaped** like the thing it describes. The **shape** adds to the meaning of the **poem**. To write a **shape poem**, it helps to start by writing down all the words that come to mind about the chosen topic.

Here is an example that I found on the internet:

