

COMMON RHYME SCHEMES

Triplet	AAA	Set of 3 lines in a stanza (tercet)
Monorhyme	AAAA	Mono - Greek for one ; one rhyme throughout the lines/poem
Alternate rhyme	ABAB	Alternating the rhythm pattern throughout
Coupled rhyme	AA BB	Pairs the rhymes into couples with new sounds/dueling sounds
Enclosed Rhyme	ABBA	The 1st and 4th line rhyme ; encloses a pair of new rhymes in the middle = aka. Internal rhyme scheme
Simple four-line rhyme	ABCD	Simple pattern used throughout the entire poem
Limerick	AABBA	Five poem with coupled rhyme scheme 1 and 2, enclosed rhyme 3 and 4, rhyme 5 matching 1 and 2
Terza rima	ABA BCB	Italian poetry made of tercets using a chain rhyme : the 1st and 3rd lines rhyme with 2nd line of previous stanza
Ballade	ABABBC BCBC	Typically composed of 3, 8-line stanzas (ABABBCBC) followed by 4-line stanza (BCBC).