# Poetry notes

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A Stanza is a set amount of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ grouped by rhythmical pattern and \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

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# What is Rhyme?

A rhyme is when two words \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ when spoken.

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# What is Rhythm & Meter?

Rhythm is the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ of stresses within a line of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. All spoken word has a

rhythm formed by stressed and unstressed [**\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**](https://www.youngwriters.co.uk/terms-syllable). When you write words in a sentence you will notice patterns forming.

### In poetry pre-measured patterns of stressed and unstressed syllables are called meters.

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What is Repetition?

Repetition is when a word or sentence is placed \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ within a poem.

### Examples of Repetition

* Using a \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_in a poem.
* Putting a [**\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**](https://www.youngwriters.co.uk/terms-chorus) in a poem.

An [**echo verse**](https://www.youngwriters.co.uk/types-echo-verse) has repetition when the word or syllable at the end of a line is repeated as a response in the next line.

# What is a Verse?

A Verse is a collection of metrical lines of poetry. It is used to define the difference of poetry and prose. It

contains [**\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**](https://www.youngwriters.co.uk/terms-rhythm) and pattern and more often than not, [**\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**](https://www.youngwriters.co.uk/terms-rhyme).

### There are three types of verse – rhymed, blank and free.

* **Rhymed verse** – the most common and it usually has a metrical form that rhymes throughout.
* [**\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**](https://www.youngwriters.co.uk/types-blank-verse) – is described to have a metrical form but no rhyme.
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Verses are used in poetry to create different effects, it gives a structure to poetry form.

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A chorus is part of a song or poem that is \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ following each [**\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**](https://www.youngwriters.co.uk/terms-verse). The

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The fire a blaze  
The room so snug.

**Purring, purring  
Quiet and still  
Purring, purring  
Content from his fill.**

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What a treat to have  
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What is a Refrain?

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