

Poetry

A **poem** is a piece of writing in which the sound and meaning of language may be used to explore ideas and feelings.

A **stanza** is a group of lines arranged in a pattern that form a part of a poem.

Words or lines in a poem that **rhyme** end in the same sound.

Rhythm is the number of beats in a line.

Free verse poetry does not have regular patterns of rhyme and rhythm.

A **refrain** is a repeated phrase or sentence, sometimes called a chorus.

Alliteration is the repeated use of words that share the same beginning sound, such as *branches full of bright blue blossoms.*

Assonance is the repeated use of words that share the same vowel sound, such as *the sun's bright light shines high in the sky.*

Onomatopoeia is the use of words that sound like the things they represent, such as *buzz, click, groan, or rattle.*