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The Poetry Guide for 2026

Every poetry form has its own shape. This guide shows the rules of nine forms, rhyme schemes and meter made simple, how to make an AI poem your own, which form to choose for a card or a gift, and a worksheet to plan your next poem.

Nine poetry forms at a glance

Form	Lines	Rhyme	Best for
Free Verse	Any	No fixed pattern	Personal feelings
Sonnet	14, iambic pentameter	ABAB CDCD EFEF GG	Love and deep emotion
Haiku	3, of 5, 7 and 5 syllables	None	A moment in nature
Limerick	5	AABBA	Humor and wordplay
Quatrain	Stanzas of 4	ABAB, AABB, ABBA or ABCB	Songs and cards
Acrostic	One per letter	Optional	Names and gifts
Narrative	Any, in stanzas	Optional	Telling a story
Rhymed	Any	Couplets or ABAB	Cards and children
Blank Verse	Any, iambic pentameter	None	Drama and reflection

Rhyme and meter made simple

- **Rhyme scheme:** give each new end sound a letter. Lines ending "night, day, light, play" rhyme ABAB.
- **Slant rhyme:** sounds that nearly match, such as "moon" and "bone". It feels softer than a full rhyme.
- **Syllables:** clap as you say a line. "Au-tumn moon-light" is four claps.
- **Iambic pentameter:** five da-DUM beats in a line, as in "Shall I compare thee to a summer's day?"

Make an AI poem your own

- **Add your own words:** type a name, a place or a memory in the chat box, so the poem is about your life.
- **Read both poems aloud** and keep the one that sounds most like you.
- **Change one line:** swap a general word for a real detail only you know.
- **Check the form:** count the lines and syllables of a sonnet or a haiku before you share it.
- **Ask for a change:** "make the ending hopeful" or "shorter lines" gives a new version.

Which poem for which occasion

Occasion	Poem type	Theme and tone
Anniversary or wedding	Sonnet	Love, Romantic
Birthday card	Rhymed or Acrostic	Friendship, Uplifting
Memorial or sympathy card	Free Verse	Grief, Serious
Graduation	Quatrain	Motivation, Uplifting
A laugh with friends	Limerick	Friendship, Funny
A school assignment	Haiku or Blank Verse	Nature, Serious

Using poems at school

- Use a generated poem as an example of a form, then write your own.
- Read "About this poem" to learn the rhyme scheme and the literary device used.
- Check your school's rules on AI before you hand in any work.

My poem worksheet

Who the poem is for: _____

Occasion: _____

Poem type: free verse / sonnet / haiku / limerick / quatrain / acrostic / narrative / rhymed / blank verse

Theme: love / nature / grief / friendship / fantasy / motivation / my own: _____

Tone: romantic / sad / uplifting / dark / funny / serious

Words to include: _____

One real detail to add: _____

Before you share your poem

☐ I read it aloud and it flows.

☐ The form is right: the lines, syllables and rhymes add up.

☐ It has at least one detail that is truly mine.

☐ It suits the person who will read it.

☐ I checked the spelling of every name.

A poem does not need to be perfect to matter. It needs to sound like you, and to reach the person it is for.

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