

# Types of Poem

How poets shape their work

- HAIKU — Japanese 3-line poem. Line 1: 5 syllables. Line 2: 7. Line 3: 5. Often about nature.
- LIMERICK — 5-line funny poem. Lines 1, 2, 5 rhyme (long); lines 3, 4 rhyme (short).
- ACROSTIC — first letter of each line spells a word read top to bottom. Often the title.
- CINQUAIN — 5-line poem. Line 1: 1 word (title). Line 2: 2 adjectives. Line 3: 3 verbs. Line 4: 4-word phrase. Line 5: 1 synonym.
- SONNET — 14 lines, often with strong rhythm and rhyme. Made famous by Shakespeare.
- FREE VERSE — no fixed rules for rhyme or rhythm. Modern poets use this most.

