

Features of Lyric
Poetry:

Rhyme

bat cat sat
mat fat hat
pat rat



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Lyric poetry is the most common form of poetry. This type of poetry is often written in verses (also known as stanzas) which are separated by blank lines.

Rhyming words are common features of lyric poetry. Rhymes can often be found in the final words in lines of poetry.

Sometimes there is a pattern to the rhyme. This is called the *rhyme scheme*. Lines of poetry that have a matching rhyme are labelled with matching letters of the alphabet.

The 'ike' sound in the final words of line 1 and 2 repeat. So both of these lines are labelled **a**

It was a long hike	a
Riding my bike	a
Past fields of heather	b
In all kinds of weather	b

Line 3 and 4 contain a different rhyming sound and are labelled **b**



Here is another example of simple verse for a poem that follows an **aabb** rhyming scheme:

a The silly little **cat**
a Was wearing a **hat**
b With ribbons and **bows**
b In hundreds of **rows**

What do you think happens in an **abab** rhyming scheme?

Can you write a simple verse that follows this type of rhyming scheme?

Imagine what the hat would look like!

