

Poetry Vocabulary

alexandrine	lyric
alliteration	masculine ending
anaphora	(masculine rhyme)
blank verse	meter (see rhythm)
apostrophe	near rhyme (half rhyme, off rhyme, slant rhyme)
assonance	occasional verse
closed form (fixed form)	open form (free verse)
ballad	parallel structure
dramatic monologue	poetic diction
elegy	poetry (see “closed form” & “open form”)
epic	lyric, e.g.
haiku	epigram
limerick	elegy
ode	ode
Horatian	dramatic, e.g.
Pindaric	dramatic monologue
English (irregular)	débat
sonnet	narrative, e.g.
Shakespearian	epic (literary or folk)
(English)	ballad (literary or folk)
Petrarchan	mock-heroic (mock-epic)
(Italian)	metrical romance
Spenserian	prose poetry
nonce	prosody
villanelle	refrain
doggerel	rhyme (rime)
enjambment	rhyme scheme
falling meter	rhythm
feminine ending	monometer
(feminine rhyme)	dimeter
foot	trimeter
anapest	tetrameter
dactyl	pentameter
iamb	hexameter
trochee	heptameter
spondee	octameter
genre (see “poetry”)	rising meter
hyperbole	scansion
(overstatement)	breve
imagery	ictus
visual	sprung rhythm
auditory	stanza
tactile	general
olfactory	couplet
gustatory	triplet
imagism	tercet
irony	quatrain
verbal	quintet
dramatic	sestet
situational	septet
light verse	octave
line (see rhythm)	special

heroic couplet
ballad stanza (quatrain)
In Memoriam quatrain
Spenserian stanza
ottava rima
tersa rima

stress
syllabic verse
symbol
tenor (& vehicle, & ground)
trope
 metaphor
 simile
 metonymy (king=crown)
 synecdoche (car=wheels, law=policeman)
understatement (litotes)
volta