

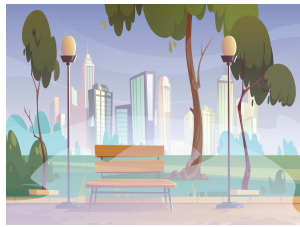
# Types of Poetry

## Free Verse

A poem that doesn't rely on any particular form, meter, or rhyme scheme, yet still conveys powerful feelings and ideas.

**Fog** by Carl Sandburg

The fog comes  
on little cat feet.



It sits overlooking harbor and city  
on silent haunches  
and then moves on.

## Haiku

A three-line poem most often about nature consisting of a total of 17 syllables:

five in the first line,  
seven in the second line,  
five in the last line.



Whitecaps on the Bay

Whitecaps on the bay:

A broken signboard banging

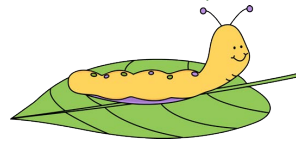
In the April wind.

by Richard Wright

## Rhymed Verse

A poem that has repeated vowel sounds in some of its words so that they rhyme.

Brown and furry  
Caterpillar in a hurry,  
Take your walk  
To the shady leaf, or stalk



Christina Rossetti

## Limerick

A humorous five-line poem with AABBA rhyme scheme.

There was an Old Man with a beard,  
Who said, "It is just as I feared!  
Two Owls and a Hen,  
Four Larks and a Wren,  
Have all built their nests in my beard!"

Edward Lear  
*Book of Nonsense, 1846*

