

Poetry Type Examples

Limerick

I sat by the side of the ocean,
Tormenting myself with this nocean,
If a ship isn't taut,
Can she sail as she aut,
With the wind and the waves and commocean?
-Author Unknown

Haiku

Mountain-rose petals
Falling, falling, falling now
Waterfall music
-Basho

Sonnet

Shall I compare thee to a summer's day?
Thou art more lovely and more temperate:
Rough winds do shake the darling buds of May,
And summer's lease hath all too short a date:
Sometimes too hot the eye of heaven shines,
And often is his gold complexion dimm'd;
And every fair from fair sometimes declines,
By chance or nature's changing course untrimm'd;
But thy eternal summer shall not fade
Nor lose possession of that fair thou owest;
Nor shall Death brag thou wanderest in his shade,
When in eternal lines to time thou growest:
So long as men can breathe or eyes can see,
So long lives my love, and so long lives me.
-William Shakespeare

Elegy

In Memoriam A.H.H.
I hold it true, whate'er befall;
I feel it, when I sorrow most,
'Tis better to have loved and lost
Than never to have loved at all.
- Alfred, Lord Tennyson

Rhyming Verse

Whose woods are these I think I know.
His house is in the village though'
He will not see me stopping here
To watch his woods fill up with snow.
-Robert Frost

Free Verse

I celebrate myself and sing myself,
And what I assume you shall assume,
For every atom belonging to me as good belongs to you.
-Walt Whitman