

Elements of Poetry

Structure:

Line – a single line consisting of one or more words

Stanza – groups of lines separated by breaks

Pattern – a repeating arrangement of words or syllables in a poem

Rhythm – how the sound of the poem rises and falls like “beats” in music

Rhyme – a word that ends in the same sound or almost the same sound as another word

Repetition – repeating the same word, group of words, or sentence

Meter – a pattern of stressed and unstressed syllables used to create rhythm in a poem