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Example: “Trees” by Joyce Kilmer

Rhyme Scheme

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A tree whose hungry mouth is prest	B
Against the earth’s sweet flowing breast ;	B
A tree that looks at God all day ,	C
And lifts her leafy arms to pray ;	C

The rhyme scheme is AABBC.

Write the rhyme scheme for each poem below.

“A Time To Talk” by Robert Frost

When a friend calls to me from the road _____

And slows his horse to a meaning walk, _____

I don’t stand still and look around _____

On all the hills I haven’t hoed, _____

And shout from where I am, What is it? _____

No, not as there is a time to talk. _____

I thrust my hoe in the mellow ground, _____

Blade-end up and five feet tall, _____

And plod: I go up to the stone wall _____

For a friendly visit. _____

“Ashes of Life” by Edna St. Vincent Millay

Love has gone and left me and the days are all alike; _____

Eat I must, and sleep I will,—and would that night were here! _____

But ah!—to lie awake and hear the slow hours strike! _____

Would that it were day again!—with twilight near! _____

Love has gone and left me and I don’t know what to do; _____

This or that or what you will is all the same to me; _____

But all the things that I begin I leave before I’m through,— _____

There’s little use in anything as far as I can see. _____

Love has gone and left me,—and the neighbors knock and borrow, _____

And life goes on forever like the gnawing of a mouse,— _____

And to-morrow and to-morrow and to-morrow and to-morrow _____

There’s this little street and this little house. _____

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