

Literary Terms – Poetry#1

Poetry	a type of spoken or written expression which has emotion with words in a metrical (rhythm) form
Lyrical Poems	Poems which have rhythm and are written using a recipe or follow a pattern
Free Verse	Poems which have NO rules and follow No strict patterns of rhythm.
Stanza	(In prose, a paragraph) a group of lines arranged to a definite pattern. Look for the space between groups of lines.
Refrain	A line or group of lines (stanza) that is repeated at regular intervals.
Verse	A single line of poetry with a complete thought; a group would be a stanza; in prose we call them sentences.
Line	A group of words written across the page but not necessarily a complete thought (or sentence).
End Stopped	Lines in poetry that end with punctuation forcing the reader to stop for breath.
Run-on	Lines in poetry that do not have punctuation forcing the reader not to stop for breath.
Narrative	One which tells a story; it has all the parts of a story such as characters, plot, conflict, etc.
Ballad	One which is narrative, lyrical, has stanzas of four lines, and follows a simple rime scheme (abab), with a refrain. Most ballads tend to be of a sad nature and are folktales (passed down from generation to generation).