

# The Poet's Playground



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### A Sestina Template

Choose your Theme: \_\_\_\_\_

Choose your six end words: \_\_\_\_\_,  
\_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_,  
\_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_,

Word 1, Word 2, Word 3, Word 4, Word 5, and Word 6.

Stanza 1:

- Line 1: [Sentence using Word 1]
- Line 2: [Sentence using Word 2]
- Line 3: [Sentence using Word 3]
- Line 4: [Sentence using Word 4]
- Line 5: [Sentence using Word 5]
- Line 6: [Sentence using Word 6]

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Stanza 2:

- Line 1: [Sentence using Word 6]
- Line 2: [Sentence using Word 1]
- Line 3: [Sentence using Word 5]
- Line 4: [Sentence using Word 2]
- Line 5: [Sentence using Word 4]
- Line 6: [Sentence using Word 3]

Stanza 3:

- Line 1: [Sentence using Word 3]
- Line 2: [Sentence using Word 6]
- Line 3: [Sentence using Word 4]
- Line 4: [Sentence using Word 1]
- Line 5: [Sentence using Word 2]
- Line 6: [Sentence using Word 5]

Stanza 4:

- Line 1: [Sentence using Word 5]
- Line 2: [Sentence using Word 3]
- Line 3: [Sentence using Word 2]
- Line 4: [Sentence using Word 6]
- Line 5: [Sentence using Word 1]
- Line 6: [Sentence using Word 4]

Stanza 5:

- Line 1: [Sentence using Word 4]
- Line 2: [Sentence using Word 5]
- Line 3: [Sentence using Word 1]
- Line 4: [Sentence using Word 2]
- Line 5: [Sentence using Word 6]
- Line 6: [Sentence using Word 3]

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Stanza 6:

- Line 1: [Sentence using Word 2]
- Line 2: [Sentence using Word 4]
- Line 3: [Sentence using Word 6]
- Line 4: [Sentence using Word 5]
- Line 5: [Sentence using Word 3]
- Line 6: [Sentence using Word 1]

Envoi (Final Three Lines):

- Line 1: [Sentence incorporating Word 2, and Word 5]
- Line 2: [Sentence incorporating Word 4, and Word 3]
- Line 3: [Sentence incorporating Word 6, and Word 1]

Key points to remember:

- Each stanza should end with one of your six chosen words, following the pattern throughout the poem.
- The order of the end words rotates in each stanza.
- The final "Envoi" stanza incorporates all six words in a concluding manner.
- You can adjust the sentence structure and imagery to fit your theme and style.
- Be creative in how you use the repeated words to build meaning within your poem.
- Envoi flexibility: While all six end-words must appear in the envoi, the order in which they appear can be varied, allowing for different interpretations and emphasis on certain words or themes.
- Examples of Variations: Some poets might choose to group related words together, while others might interweave them to create a sense of resolution or contrast.