

Poetry Journal



SHORT

FORMS



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poetry journal

Short Forms

Twin Haiku

- two Haiku which *contrast* each other.
- has a title.

Always a Bright Side

*It's raining buckets
Soaking us as we're playing
Shouting at the sky
Dark clouds drifting by,
Toward the bright horizon
Hugged by a rainbow*

Lune

- Like a haiku, but count words, not syllables.
- Three lines. Word count: 3 - 5 - 3.
- Challenge: make the last line a “surprise”, something you would not expect.

*My teacher
Is patient and kind
When we're not.*

*Talking stops
When teaching begins.
Lost in thought.*

*Capture words
Sharpened pencils boldly write
Work is done.*

seox

- Means “six”.
- Patterned free verse.
- Total of 28 syllables.
- Line syllable count: 3-7-6-5-4-3.

Spring Sips

Butterflies

Flitting about the garden

Finding a bright flower

Delicious nectar

Sips through its

Proboscis.

Lanterne

A true lantern is basically a nature poem. When written, it is shaped like a lantern.

- 5 lines, syllable count: 1,2,3,4,1. Eleven syllables total.
- The last line is usually a synonym or related to the first line.
- No apostrophes are used.

Cat Napping

Soft

Kitten

Sunny warmth

Stretching, awake.

Meow.

Cinquain

- 22 syllables
- syllable count per line: 2,4,6,8,2 (double the Lanterne).
- should express one complete through the five lines.

Flowers

Beckoning to

Hummingbirds in mid-flight

Energy, sustenance needed.

Drinking.

Tanka

- 31 syllables spread over 5 lines, though the number can vary/be different.
- Syllables in each line: 5,7,5,7,7

Along the shore

Seashells dot the warming sand,

Heated by the sun,

Rising on the horizon

Welcoming the brand-new day.

