

# Poem

A **poem** uses vivid words to describe a person, place, thing, event, or feeling. A poem has many or all of these characteristics.

- Words are arranged in *lines*. Each line may be a complete sentence or a group of words that makes sense.
- Words are used in fresh ways to create pictures, or images.
- Lines may be arranged in groups called *stanzas*.
- Some lines may *rhyme*. This means that the ending sounds of two words are the same.
- The lines have *rhythm*. Their sounds make a musical pattern.

## Waves

Vivid words create a picture of the waves in motion.

The poem is arranged in two stanzas. Each stanza has four lines.

Each pair of lines rhymes.

All the lines have a similar rhythm. They can be read in a musical way.

The waves **flow** in from far **away**.  
They **journey** each and every **day**,  
Come **crashing**, **splashing** toward the **land**,  
To meet me here upon the **sand**.

The waves leap up; they lift up **high**.  
They travel almost to the **sky**,  
Climb higher than a man can **reach**,  
And then collapse upon the **beach**.