

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**.