Rhyme Scheme in Poetry

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Instructions

1. A rhyme scheme is the pattern of rhymes at the ends of a poem's lines.
2. Give the first line's last sound the letter A, and every line that rhymes with it A too.
3. The next new sound is B, then C.
4. Write the rhyme scheme for each poem, like AABB or ABAB.

Example

The Orchard

The apples hang like little moons,
The wasps arrive on warm afternoons.
We fill the basket to the brim,
And carry autumn home with him.

AABB; moons/afternoons and brim/him.

1 The Kite

I send my paper kite in flight,
Its tail unrolls against the blue.
It tips a silver wing of light,
Then wheels above the morning dew.

2 After Rain

The puddles catch a piece of sky,
A yellow bus goes rumbling by.
The sparrows shake their feathers dry,
Then lift their wings and start to fly.

3 Low Tide

The sea pulls back and leaves the sand,
A hundred shells within my hand.
The gulls step lightly on the shore,
And wait for what the tide brings more.

4 The Lantern

A lantern swinging in the lane,
It throws a circle on the rain.
The shadows lean against the wall,
And follow me until I call.

5 First Frost

The grass is stiff and silver-white,
The puddles held their breath all night.
A blackbird prints a careful row,
Across the field of early snow.

6 Camping Out

Our tent is pitched beside the lake,
The fire crackles, warm and bright.
An owl is calling from the pines,
And stars come out to say good night.