

English

Introduction to Poetry: Rhyme Scheme

Lesson 6 of 8

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Write down what you think the rhyme scheme is of the following poem.

The Tyger

William Blake

Tyger Tyger, burning bright,
In the forests of the night;
What immortal hand or eye,
Could frame thy fearful symmetry?

Remember, half rhymes
such as eye and
symmetry count in our
rhyme scheme.

In what distant deeps or skies.
Burnt the fire of thine eyes?
On what wings dare he aspire?
What the hand, dare seize the fire?

And what shoulder, & what art,
Could twist the sinews of thy heart?
And when thy heart began to beat,
What dread hand? & what dread feet?



Write down what you think the rhyme scheme is of the following poem.

You are Old, Father William

Lewis Carroll

“You are old, Father William,” the young man said,
“And your hair has become very white;
And yet you incessantly stand on your head –
Do you think, at your age, it is right?”

“In my youth,” Father William replied to his son,
“I feared it might injure the brain;
But, now that I’m perfectly sure I have none,
Why, I do it again and again.”



Write down what you think the rhyme scheme is of the following poem.

Verses to a Child

Emily Bronte

Just then thou didst recall to me
A distant long forgotten scene,
One smile, and one sweet word from thee
Dispelled the years that rolled between;
I was a little child again,
And every after joy and pain
 Seemed never to have been.

Tall forest trees waved over me,
To hide me from the heat of day,
And by my side a child like thee
Among the summer flowerets lay.
He was thy sire, thou merry child.
Like thee he spoke, like thee he smiled,
 Like thee he used to play.

Glossary:

Thou = You

Thee = You

