

# POETRY

# Rhyme Scheme

**(AABB, ABAB)**

The cat sat on the mat, (A)  
And looked at the dog with a hat. (A)  
The dog barked loud and clear, (B)  
While the cat ran far and near. (B)

## **"Twinkle, Twinkle, Little Star"**

Twinkle, twinkle, little star,  
How I wonder what you are!  
Up above the world so high,  
Like a diamond in the sky.  
Twinkle, twinkle, little star,  
How I wonder what you are!

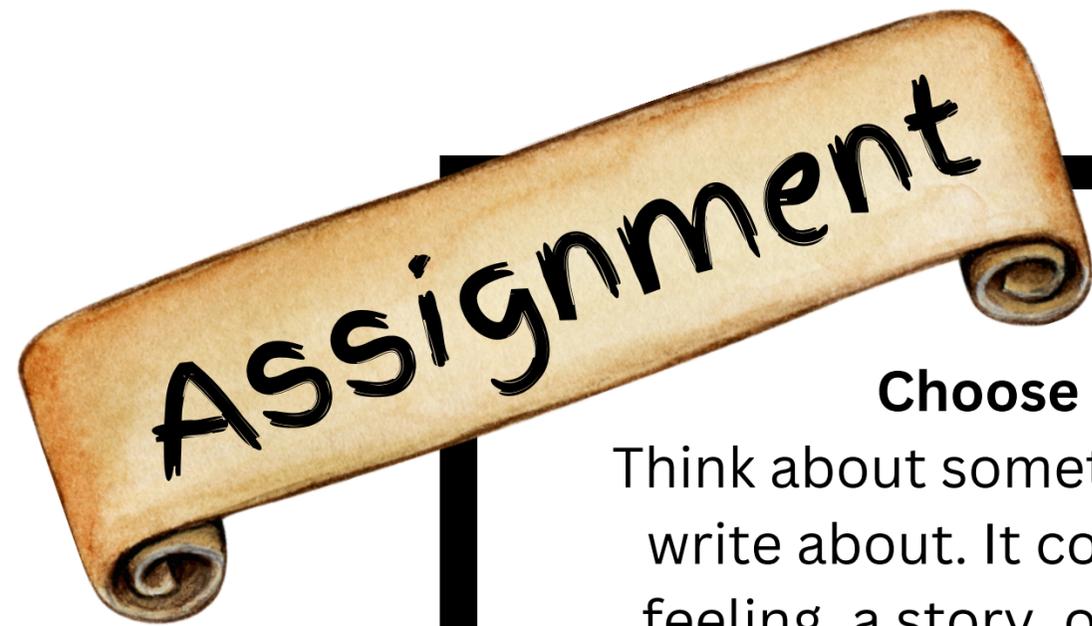
# Rhythm and Meter

## “The Road Not Taken”

Two roads diverged in a yellow wood,  
And sorry I could not travel both  
And be one traveler, long I stood  
And looked down one as far as I could

If you break the lines down, you can see the pattern of four iambs  
(four "da-DUM"s) in each line:

da-DUM da-DUM da-DUM da-DUM  
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### **Choose a Topic**

Think about something you want to write about. It could be nature, a feeling, a story, or an experience. Pick something that will inspire you and is easy to describe in simple words.

### **Decide on a Rhyme Scheme**

AABB (two sets of rhyming lines)  
ABAB (alternating rhyming lines)  
ABBA (the first and last lines rhyme, and the middle lines rhyme)  
Choose a rhyme scheme that feels comfortable to you.

### **Plan the Rhythm**

Rhythm is the beat or flow of the poem. Try clapping along to lines of poems you like to see how they sound. Most poems have a regular rhythm (like iambic meter) or a natural flow that feels steady. For example, try writing lines with four or five beats per line (like “Twinkle, Twinkle, Little Star”).

### **Write Your Poem**

Start writing, making sure each line follows your chosen rhyme scheme and rhythm pattern. Focus on keeping the rhymes consistent (make sure they sound similar) and try to maintain a steady rhythm. Don't worry about making it perfect at first! You can revise it later.

# Poet Spotlight



**Robert Frost** was an American poet known for writing about nature, rural life, and human emotions. He was born in 1874 and won four Pulitzer Prizes for his poetry. Some of his most famous poems include "The Road Not Taken" and "Stopping by Woods on a Snowy Evening." Frost's writing is loved for its simple language and deep meaning, often showing the beauty and challenges of life.