

Return to Fundamentals

("This Poem Rhymes")

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- [a] This poem rhymes. At the end of each line [1]
[b] There is a word which will sound similar
[a] To one that comes before. This is a sign
[b] That there's been thought put into how it's heard. [4]
- [c] This poem has stanzas, and constant meter: [5]
[d] Every line ends after ten syllables
[c] Then begins another, then, after four
[d] A line is left blank, marking a stanza [8]
- [e] Which does not require a change in topic. [9]
[f] Thus it meets the minimal conditions
[e] For purists to call it a good—. Trick.
[f] Now that we have appeased the traditions [12]
- [g] We can begin to invent a meaning [13]
[g] Within the boundaries: life is—. Cleaning. [14]