**Stanzas in Poetry**

If you are looking towards poetry to find stanza examples you need not look far.

* Stanzas are available in even the first section of the poem.
* They are usually grouped together by the rhyme pattern and/or number of lines that they have.

In any given song you have perhaps unknowingly sung stanzas several times. They are known as the verses. Look at the lyrics of your favorite song carefully and you will easily notice the stanzas.

Here is an example of a stanza in poetry. This original poem is purely for illustration.

I Love To Write Poems

(First Stanza)

I love to write

Day and night

What would my heart do

But cry, sigh and be blue

If I could not write

(Second Stanza)

Writing feels good

And I know it should

Who could have knew

That what I do

Is write, write, write

- Unknown Author

While it is well known that poetry deals with emotions, the poem above, whose subject matter is the author’s love of writing, is just a mere visual that you can use when you are trying to decipher where the stanzas are in a poem. The above poem details a five-lined stanza, which many people may refer to as a [limerick](http://www.yourdictionary.com/limerick).

**Types of Stanzas**

There are many different types of stanzas. Some of which are:

* Couplets (stanza with two rhyming lines)
* Tercets (stanzas with three lines that may or may not rhyme)
* Quatrains (stanzas with four lines that may or may not rhyme)

Remember that in poetry you can identify a stanza by the number of lines that it has and its rhyme scheme or pattern.