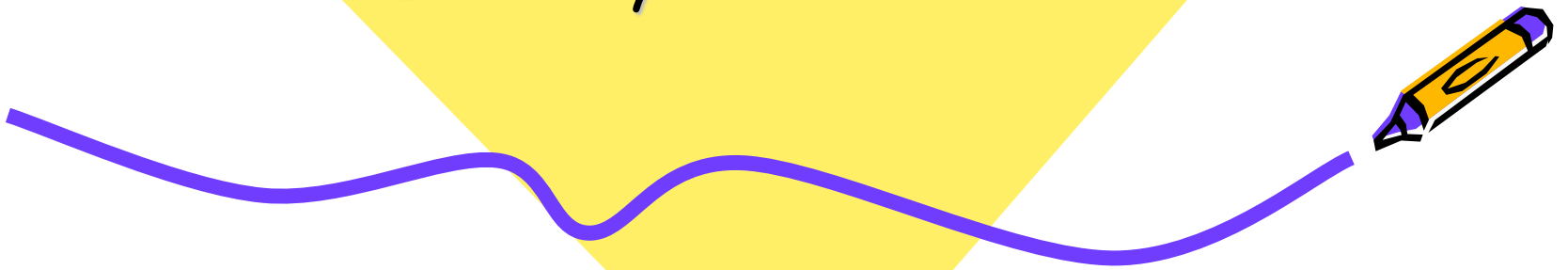




Stanzas

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Stanzas: What are They?

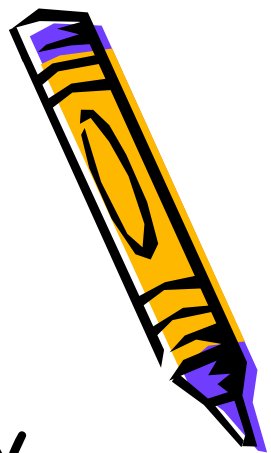
- **Stanzas** are arrangements of two or more lines of poetry into regular patterns of length, rhyme, and often rhyme scheme. Stanzas often indicate separate thoughts and are separated from one another by spaces. Consider them a poem's paragraph.



Couplets

- **couplet:** 2-line stanza that usually rhymes

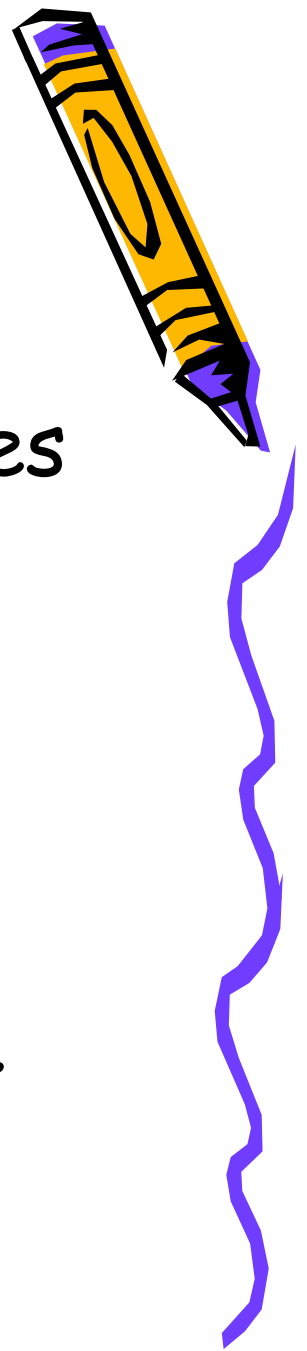
*Through the open portals of the mind,
I seek to search for that which I find.*



Tercets

- **tercet:** 3-line stanza that does/does not rhyme

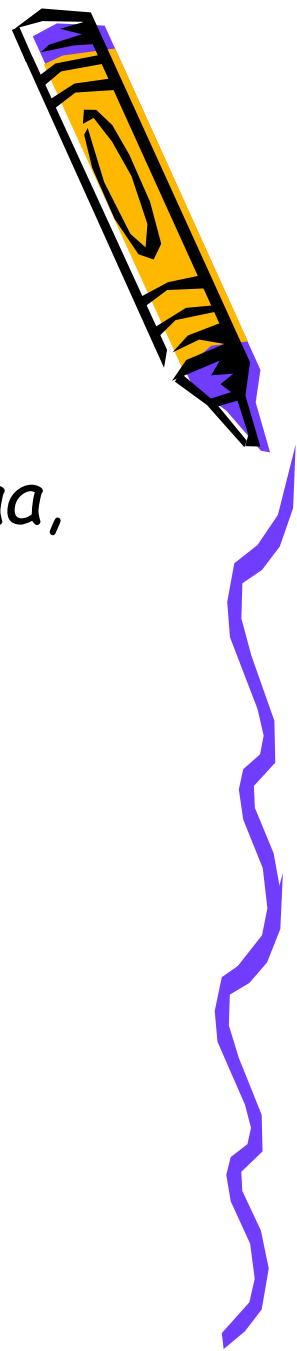
*Walking among the clouds of memory,
I pass through images of a life,
Forgotten through a journey of strife.*



Quatrains

- **quatrain:** 4-line poem that does/does not rhyme
- Common rhyme schemes for quatrains: *aaaa*, *abab*, *aabb*, *abba*

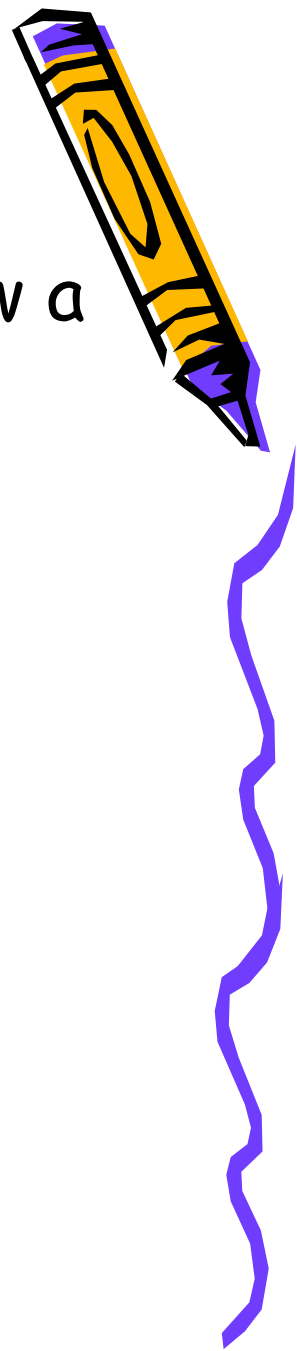
*Fog melts before images of hate
Shapes emerge to only create
Rips in the skin, tears in the heart
Actions and soul breaking apart.*



Cinquains

- **cinquain:** 5-line poems that tend to follow a pattern. From line one to five:
- words—one, two, three, four, one
- syllables—two, four, six, eight, two

*Waking
From endless night
Into reality
Remembering crimes of the past
Lucid*



Stanza Assignment



- Create the following:
 - A poem consisting of two couplets and a tercet
 - A poem consisting of two quatrains and a couplet
 - A cinquain
 - A poem consisting of a tercet and a quatrain

