

POETRY FORMS

CINQUAIN

Skip
Playful, Energetic
Loves to Jump
Always there for me
Buddy

(1 noun (title), 2 descriptive words, 3 action words,
4 feeling words (phrase), 1 synonym for title)

FREE VERSE

On the curb
Sign in hand, he stands.
It must be Friday.
I wait uncomfortably at the red light.
He wants to work for food.
Well, I don't have work.
It's just that simple.
On Fridays as I sit uncomfortably
In my car.

(Does not require meter or rhyme scheme.)

TITLE DOWN

Calvary was the name of the place
Rough was the path you trod
Open wounds aching
Silent, head hurting;
Stumbling

(The letters that spell the subject
of the poem are used
to begin each line.)

COUPLET

*I think that I shall never see
A thing as lovely as a tree.*

(Two lines of verse that usually rhyme and state one complete
idea. There can be poems made up of a series of couplets.)

PHRASE

*I wish I lived
When He was on earth
I know He would be kind
And that He would do miracles.
I wish I lived back then
It would be amazing.*

(States an idea with a list of phrases.)

QUATRAIN

As we circle the church on our walk,
Candles guide us through the dark night,
Singing hymns and praise to our God
As we approach, anticipating the light.

Father pounds on the doors with the cross
Awaiting the reply of the evil one
"Trampling down death by death"
Praise God! Through Christ we have won!

(A four-line stanza, rhyming patterns can be: AAAA,
AABB, or ABAB.)