

Poetry

- Personal
- Cinquain
- Limerick
- Haiku
- Ballad
- Sonnet



Shakespeare

Sonnet

- @ 14 lines
- @ 3 quatrains
- @ 1 couplet
- @ abab, cdcd, efef, gg
- @ Strong emotion



Fearfully, Wonderfully and Skillfully Made

Though my hand's not as strong as the big bear's paw

It can bring down strong walls and battlements

Though my hand's not as sharp as the lion's claw

It can make swords and deadly armaments

It can make wonders out of stone clay

It can be harmless as the peaceful dove

With my hand I can point the right way

With my hand's caress, I can show love

I'M EVER GLAD AND GRATEFUL FOR MY HAND

I REJOICE WHEN ITS GREAT DESIGN WAS LAID

A CREATOR SO GLORIOUS AND GRAND

SCRUPULOUSLY AND WONDERFULLY MADE

May the works and toils of my hand be blessed

May He direct it when put to the test



Discussion

- ✚ What elements of a sonnet do you recognize?
- ✚ What is the sonnet about?
- ✚ To what is the hand being compared?
- ✚ What things can a hand do?
- ✚ What emotion is being expressed?
- ✚ Is this poem religious?

Ballad

- ❖ Originally began with the town crier
- ❖ Tell a story
- ❖ Quatrains
- ❖ Quite lengthy
- ❖ Various rhyme schemes

abab

aabb

aaba



The Tempest

**We were crowded in the cabin
Not a soul would dare to sleep
It was midnight on the waters
And the storm was on the deep**
“Tis a fearful thing in winter
To be shattered by the blast
And to hear the rattling trumpet
Thunder, “Cut away the mast!”
**So we shuddered there in silence
For the stoutest held his breath
While the hungry sea was roaring
And the breakers talked with death**
As thus we sat in darkness
Each one busy with his prayers
“We are lost!” the captain shouted
As he staggered down the stairs

**But his daughter whispered
As she took his icy hand
“Isn’t God upon the ocean,
Just the same as on the land?”**
The we kissed the little maiden
And we spoke in better cheer
And we anchored safe in harbor
When the morn was shining clear



Discussion

- What elements of a ballad do you recognize?
- What is the ballad about?
- Are there religious elements to this poem?

- Why are these poems good examples to discuss during Catholic Schools Week?

Yes, you can!

