

The Limerick

A limerick is a humorous poem consisting of five lines. The first, second, and fifth lines must have seven to ten syllables while rhyming and having the same verbal rhythm. The third and fourth lines should only have five to seven syllables; they too must rhyme with each other and have the same rhythm.

Here's an example...

Your bum is a sight to see, my dear
Your walk makes me weak in the knees, I fear
For watching you leave
Moves my heart to grief
While my body excites in cheer



The Tanka

A tanka is a form of Japanese poetry that follows a specific syllable count; like a haiku but adding two more lines.

So, instead of the haiku's 5,7,5 (syllables per line) it's instead:

5
7
5
7
7

Here's an example...

in him, I am seen
for every part of me
my good grace and flaws
are welcomed for they make up
all I am - and all he loves

