

Pantoum

Example: Who, Me?

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Rules of the form:

*Any number of quatrains (4-line stanzas), each rhyming abab.

*The second and fourth lines of each stanza repeat as the first and third lines of the following stanza.

*The poem can end with the first and third lines of the first stanza repeated in reverse order as a 2-line stanza, so the poem begins and ends with the same line.

_____A1

_____B1

_____A2

_____B2

_____B1

_____C1

_____B2

_____C2

_____C1

_____D1

_____C2

_____D2

Continue for as many stanzas as you wish, ending with:

_____A2

_____A1