

## Villanelle

Example: Ten

Page 28 in *Room 214: A Year in Poems (Spinning Through the Universe in hardcover)*  
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Rules of the form:

\*A 19-line poem, with five 3-line stanzas and one 4-line stanza.

\*The first and third lines rhyme throughout the poem.

\*The middle lines of each 3-line stanza rhyme throughout the poem.

\*The first and third lines of the first stanza repeat as a refrain  
throughout the poem, in this pattern:

rhyme a / line A1

rhyme b

rhyme a / line A2

rhyme a (rhymes with A1 and A2)

rhyme b

repeat line A1

rhyme a

rhyme b

repeat line A2

rhyme a

rhyme b

repeat line A1

rhyme a

rhyme b

repeat line A2

rhyme a

rhyme b

repeat line A1

repeat line A2