

## T3 Literary Terms

Ballad: a poem or song narrating a story in short stanzas.

End rhyme: when a poem has lines ending with words that sound the same.

<u>Free verse</u>: poetry that does not rhyme or have a regular meter.

<u>Lyric poem:</u> an emotional, rhyming poem; formal type of poetry which expresses personal emotions or feelings, typically spoken in the first person.

Meter: a poetic device that serves as a linguistic sound pattern for the verses, as it gives poetry a rhythmical and melodious sound. (Stressed syllables tend to be longer, and unstressed shorter)

<u>Narrative poem:</u> a form of poetry that tells a story, often making the voices of a narrator and characters as well; usually written in metered verse.

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- Rhyme scheme: the ordered pattern of rhymes at the ends of the lines of a poem or verse.
- <u>Soliloquy:</u> an act of speaking one's thoughts aloud when by oneself or regardless of any hearers, especially by a character in a play.
- <u>Speaker:</u> the voice behind the poem—the person we imagine to be saying the thing out loud.
- Stanza: a division of four or more lines having a fixed length, meter, or rhyming scheme.