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B.A.III Understanding Poetry

- English Lyrical Types
- Sonnet
- Lyric
- Song
- Ballad
- Elegy

Sonnet

- It is a poem consisting of fourteen lines. It has a regular stanza pattern with the first stanza of eight lines which is called Octave and the second line of six lines which is called a Sestet. Or the fourteen lines are divided into three stanzas of four lines each called a Quartain and a Couplet of two lines.
- Sonnets are of two types: Italian or Petrarchan Sonnet and the English or Shakespearean Sonnet.

- The Italian or Petrarchan Sonnet has a pattern of an Octave and a Sestet. Generally the Octave has a set rhyme scheme of *abbaabba*.
- The Sestet often has the rhyme scheme *cdecde* or *cdcdcd*.
- The English or Shakespearean Sonnet has three stanzas of four lines with the rhyme scheme *abab, cdcd, efef*. The last two lines that is the Couplet has the rhyme scheme *gg*.