

## Roundel

A roundel is a poem of 11 lines and 3 stanzas: a quatrain, a triplet, and a quatrain. The rhyme scheme is as follows:

**a (first phrase of this line make up the refrain)**

**b**

**a**

**b (refrain)**

**b**

**a**

**b**

**a**

**b**

**a**

**b (refrain)**

Here is an example

*The Way of the Wind*

by Algernon Charles Swineburn

The wind's way in the deep sky's hollow  
None may measure, as none can say  
How the heart in her shows the swallow  
the wind's way.

Hope nor fear can avail to stay  
Waves that whiten on wrecks that wallow,  
Times and seasons that wane and slay.

Live and love, till the strong night swallow  
Thought and hope and the red last ray,  
Swim the waters of years that follow  
The wind's way.

**Now, write one of your own...**