

# Ballad Assignment Sheet

Remember, the lines in ballad stanzas alternate between eight and six syllables, with every other syllable being emphasized. The second and fourth lines rhyme, but the first and third don't have to. The rhythm and rhyme pattern result in stanza that is fun and easy to read aloud. (You can double check your work by singing it to the tunes of the Gilligan's Island theme song. If it fits with the rhythm of the song, you've done it right!)

A ballad stanza in a poem  
Has lines as long as these  
In measuring the lines, we find  
We get both fours and threes

Syllables _____/4
Rhythm _____/4
Lines _____/4

- 8- A / BAL / lad / STAN / za / IN / a / POEM
- 6- Has / LINES / as / LONG / as / THESE
- 8- In / MEA / sur / ING / the / LINES, / we / FIND
- 6- We / GET / both / FOURS / and / THREES

Write two of your own ballad stanzas below (about any subject you choose):

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