

# Types of Poetry

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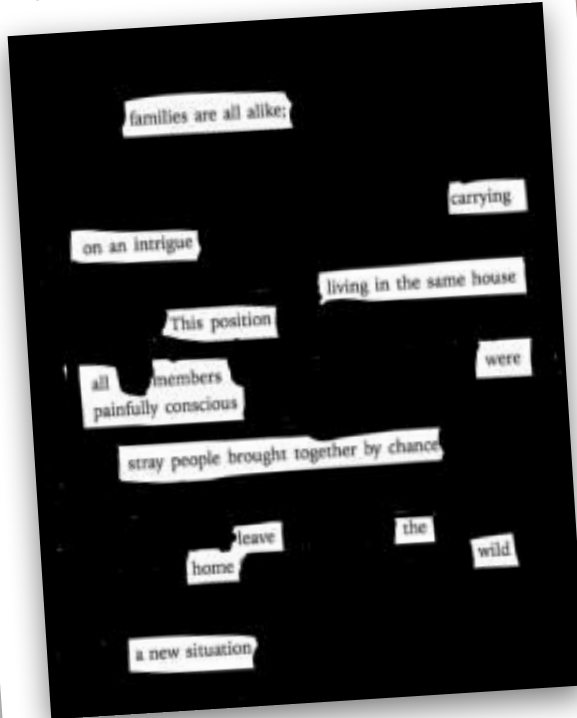
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(the first  
letter of each  
line of the  
poem spells  
a word  
vertically;  
e.g., p. 116)

# blackout



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(all the words and letters of a page are blacked out except those letters that make up the poem; e.g., p. 80)

Free Verse

(not rhyming,  
but rhythmic  
poem; e.g., p.  
91)

Free Verse

blackjack

# Blackjack

(three-line poems with seven syllables in each line for a total of twenty-one syllables; e.g., p. 72)



epistolary



**Epistolary**  
(poem written in the form  
of a letter; e.g., p. 32)

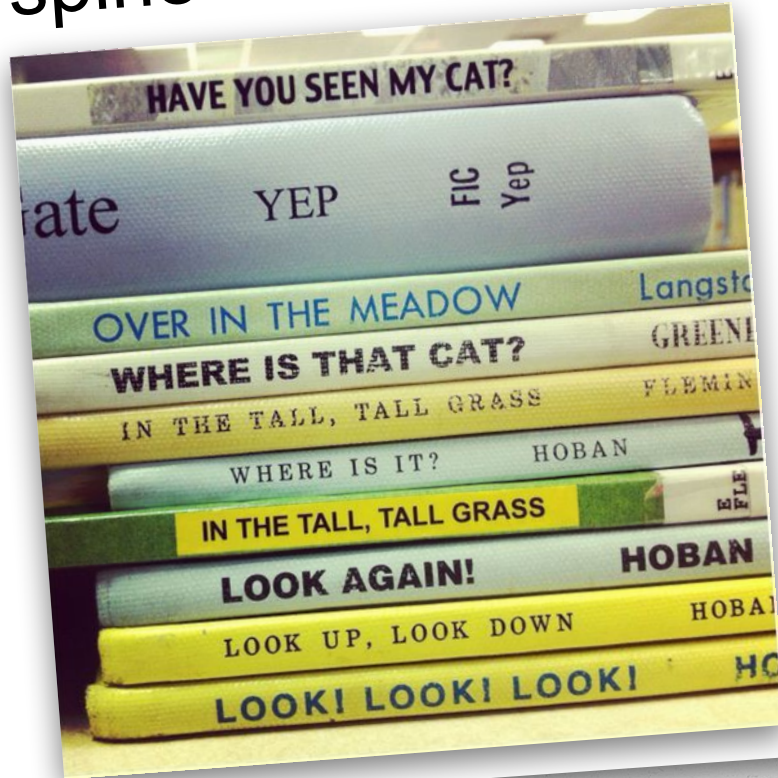
A stack of three white rectangular papers is shown, slightly offset from each other. The top paper is the most prominent. The background is split horizontally: the top half is a solid yellow color, and the bottom half is a light grey color with a subtle, fibrous texture. The word "couplet" is printed in a black, sans-serif font at the bottom right of the top paper.

couplet

# Couplet

(two rhyming lines with the  
same meter; e.g., p. 245)

spine



# Spine

(poem built from the titles of books as they appear on the books's spines; e.g., p. 244)

He gives his harness bells a shake  
To ask if there's some mistake.  
The only other sound's the sweep  
Of easy wind and downy flake.

quatrain

(a stanza or  
poem in four  
lines, usually  
with alternating  
rhyme; e.g., pp.  
86-87)

quatrain

Borrowed

# Borrowed

(poems that allude to  
previous poems or famous  
works; e.g., p. 269)

## List Poem

### **My Noisy Brother**

He slurps when he eats cereal in the morning.  
He gargles milk.  
He burps after eating.  
He cracks his knuckles.  
He whistles.  
He snaps his fingers.  
He squawks when he's mad.  
He snores at night.

List

(poem made from  
seemingly unconnected  
things arranged in list  
form; e.g., p. 148)

List

