

## Varselle

### Debunking Climate Change

Polar  
vortex–cold!  
Yearn for solar,  
to behold  
sun-warmth and melting.  
Global warming told  
still on. Belting  
coat, yet remaining sold.

Pattern: Rhymed syllables  
2a-3b-4a-3b-5c-5b-4c-6a

### At the Fogey Farm

Men seek  
nurse or purse  
sex fantasies  
for someone  
to take care of them.  
Women take care but  
no more old men  
need to add to her woes.

Pattern: Unrhymed Syllabics  
2-3-4-3-5-5-4-6

### Chemical Spill–West Virginia 2014

Freedom company  
released toxic chemicals  
from dike to river  
under regulation radar,  
caused unusable water and illness.  
Millions of pounds of chemicals  
to process coal near  
public drinking supply yet no inspectors.

Pattern: Unrhymed Words  
2-3-4-3-5-5-4-6

## Holiday Spirit

Holiday gifts  
color and light  
give down moods lifts  
make gray bright.  
Though some remain a Grinch  
other singing hearts bring delight.  
Whether pat or pinch  
we're touched and most thought shifts.

Pattern: Rhymed Words  
2a-3b-4a-3b-5c-5b-4c-6a

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1. Eight line stanzas. Word or syllable counts. Rhymed or unrhymed.
2. Syllable or word count: 2-3-4-3-5-5-4-6
3. If rhymed: a-b-a-b-c-b-c-a.
4. Variations:
  - #1 Use words or syllables in pattern
  - #2 Flush left or center stanzas
  - #3 Can have any number of stanzas.
  - #4 Experiment with reverse and other rhyme schemes.