

Trilonnet

March of Polish Children

Children carry dolls to the train
taking them to lethal a camp.
Children dressed in very best clothes.

Parents holding their hands and pain
listen to soldiers monotonous tramp,
dispassionate to chosen, those

selected. Orders to maintain.
One and half hours and they stamp
out lives they callously dispose.

Polish resistors tried in vain—
too much fire and holes to tamp.
Dark smoke from the camp chimney blows.

Meanwhile German children survive
raised for race excellence to thrive.

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14 lines. Four 3-line stanzas, triplets or tercets.
Syllable Count: 8 or iambic tetrameter.
and one rhyming couplet.

Or four 3-line stanzas of 10 syllables or iambic pentameter and a rhyming couplet.

Rhyme Scheme: a-b-c a-b-c a-b-c a-b-c d-d
or a-b-c c-b-a a-b-c c-b-a d-d

Can be flush left. Example indented to indicate marching.

Second example has no indenting but is centered.

The Mermaid's Daughter

Exercising in warm water
lubricates my arthritic joints,
my head above water always.

As my loose abs do get tauter,
my diligence gets me good points
with Grandpa who approves these ways.

Now what if I hadn't oughter
when my land-based class disappoints,
my persnickety knee betrays?

I became a mermaid's daughter
and her tail swimmingly anoints.
My aqua-walkers win her praise.

Except weekends I dip daily.
In fading suit I go gaily.