

Octameter

Lighting Candles

Winter candles glow
on cold window sills,
flicker in vigils
for a cause or dead,
lead down dark hallways
filled with fear or dread
brightening viewpoints
as the darkness spread.

Candle decor brings
holiday spirit.
Votive or taper
wax or battery
skinny, small or squat
candlelight brightly
illuminates tread
welcomes light ahead.

Sunflower's Groupies

One sunflower plant
presides on table,
drooping and thirsty,
standing all alone
amid fake flowers,
awaits grandma prone
to forget water.
It's buds almost gone.

Daisy plant arrives.
Sunflower on floor.
Both plants sag and dry.
A new cactus comes.
All go to garden
grouped to empower,
delight in sun.....one
by one, by fall....done.

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1. 16 lines.
2. Two stanzas of 8 lines each.
3. Syllable Count for all lines: five
4. Rhyme Scheme: a-b-c-d-e-d-f-d
g-h-i-j-k-j-d-d