

Rubaiyat

Halloween Creatures

Incarnate, discarnate
inanimate, animate
all Halloween creatures
come to participate.

Orange and black
embodied or lack
unseen and seen
excited or slack.

Warlocks and witches
in sky or in ditches
join goblins and ghosts
with howling pitches.

Costumed or not
goodies made or bought
trick or treaters prowl.
Eve leaves some distraught.

Football Season

Football season is here—
head-banging and beer.
Violent, injury-prone sport
I've no need to cheer.

This is a crippling game
with no redeeming aim.
No gain of any sort
except to bleed and maim.

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1. Unlimited number of four-line stanzas.
2. Rhyme Scheme: For each stanza is a-a-x-a . This rhyme does not carry over to the next stanzas.
3. A rubaiyat should be iambic. Unstressed- stressed. Did not specify number. My example will not be perfectly iambic.
4. Variation: a-a-b-a b-b-c-b c-c-d-c d-d-e-d