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**Poetic Devices**

Some special terms exist to help describe different parts of a poem.

**Part 1: Stanza and Line**

Poetry is usually written in stanzas, or groups of lines.

Lines may be complete sentences, but they may also consist of phrases—or even just a single word.

A stanza is usually separated from other stanzas with extra space called a stanza break.

Because your reader includes a section of the whole poem, the dotted line after “I’m going to eat you anyway” shows where part of the poem was cut. Therefore, it is not a stanza break.

Stanza 1 runs from the poem’s first line to the line “‘He’s going to eat me up!’ she cried.”

1. Draw a star by the stanza break after stanza 1.
2. Count and type the number of lines in the first stanza.
3. Count and type the number of stanzas in the poem.
4. The word *stanza* comes from an Italian word that means “little room.” Why might this be the word used to describe a group of lines in a poem?

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5. What do the stanzas in a poem have in common with the rooms of a building?
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