



The Anthadi [or Antati] from India & Pakistan:

(Here's a good form to do with young writers.)

The Anthadi (or Antati) is an easy Tamil form in which the last word of a stanza starts the next stanza. Stanzas can vary in length. In some poems the last word of the final stanza is the same as the first word of the first stanza—creating a circular structure often called a garland. **Remember: we are keeping these poems to 9 lines or shorter, so two quatrains are great.**

An Example:

MAGICIAN

Rain is a magician.
It cloaks the sky in gray clouds.
Then, with an *Abracadabra!*
it lifts the cloak to reveal surprises.

Surprises spring up like mushrooms—
bold, earthy. Flowers open.
The hoarded aromas of spring are freed.
And we applaud and cry, *Yes! Rain!*

Shutta

RESOURCES:

<https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Antati>