



(India): Naani

Here's a good one to do with young writers. The naani is a modern poetic form from India. There are very few constraints. It is a simple 4-line poem that has between 20 and 25 syllables. It can be about any subject. That's it! Cool huh? In my poem I used internal rhyme. (Note: our cat always tried to shame us after we left him alone.)

An Example:

DON'T LEAVE ME ALONE

When we return, we're spurned  
by the cat with a stern look  
and a turn of his back.  
Whining—*when will you learn?*

Resource:

<https://mattforrest.wordpress.com/2016/03/18/poetry-friday-practicing-the-naani-form/>