



Rhopalic Verse (Greece):

Here's another one that would be good to do with a young writer.

To write rhopalic verses start with a single one syllable word. The second line should have two syllables, the third line three, the fourth line four, etc. You can keep adding one more syllable with each successive line. Or you can reverse it at a midpoint and start eliminating one syllable from each line as I have done in the poem below. The numbers of syllables in the lines of my poem are: 1-2-3-4-5-4-3-2-1. Remember to keep the poem to 9 lines, or less!

PERFORMANCE

Moths
conjured
from the dark.
Dusky wings arc
in the lonely light.
A dance only
for streetlamps.
Risky.
Mad.