



Luc Bat (Vietnam):

The Luc Bat is a poem of alternating 6-syllable and 8-syllable lines. This form can be as long as you like, but should be at least six lines, so your reader can see the rhyming pattern. The rhyme at the end of the first 6-syllable line will rhyme with the 6th syllable in the 8-syllable line. And the last syllable in the longer lines (the 8th syllable) is also the last rhyme in the shorter lines. So the pattern is (x = no rhyme):

xxxxxA
xxxxxAxB
xxxxxB
xxxxxBxC
xxxxxC
xxxxxCxD
etc.

EXAMPLE:

At Grandma's

My dog is more than mutt.
He's perfect for me but, you know
I kind of wish he'd show
More restraint when we go to stay
At Grandma's for the day
It's there he'll not obey until
Our Grandma's petting will
Calm down his wiggling, silly butt.