

## IDENTIFYING SOUND DEVICES IN A POEM

**Title of Poem:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Author:** \_\_\_\_\_

Sound Device	Definition	Examples from Poem
Rhythm	A musical quality produced by the repetition of stressed and unstressed syllables, or by the repetition of certain other sound patterns. (Example: "If wě shādōws hāve offēndēd, / Thīnk but thīs, and āll īs mēndēd")	
Rhyme	The repetition of accented vowel sounds and all sounds following them, in words that are close together. (Example: "Back into the chamber turning, all my soul within me burning.")	
Onomatopoeia	The use of a word whose sound imitates or suggests its meaning. (Examples: hiss, buzz)	
Alliteration	The repetition of consonant sounds in words that are close together in a poem. (Example: "Masses and moving shapes of shade . . .")	
Assonance	The repetition of similar vowel sounds in words that are close together. (Example: "Thou foster child of silence and slow time . . .")	
Refrain	The repetition of a sound, word, phrase, or group of lines. (Example: Oh boy! Illinois! That's the place to go. / Oh boy! Illinois! Be sure to take your hoe.)	