

Alone

Edgar Allen Poe

From childhood's hour I have not been
As others were; I have not seen
As others saw; I could not bring
My passions from a common spring.
From the same source I have not taken
My sorrow; I could not awaken
My heart to joy at the same tone;
And all I loved, I loved alone.
Then—in my childhood, in the dawn
Of a most stormy life—was drawn
From every depth of good and ill
The mystery which binds me still:
From the torrent, or the fountain,
From the red cliff of the mountain,
From the sun that round me rolled
In its autumn tint of gold,
From the lightning in the sky
As it passed me flying by,
From the thunder and the storm,
And the cloud that took the form
(When the rest of Heaven was blue)
Of a demon in my view.

RHYME SCHEME = _____

From **“Viva La Vida”**

I used to roll the dice
Feel the fear in my enemy's eyes
Listen as the crowd would sing:
"Now the old king is dead! Long live the king!"

One minute I held the key
Next the walls were closed on me
And I discovered that my castles stand
Upon pillars of salt and pillars of sand

RHYME SCHEME = _____

The Oak

Live thy Life,
Young and old,
Like yon oak,
Bright in spring,
Living gold;

Summer-rich
Then; and then
Autumn-changed
Soberer-hued
Gold again.

All his leaves
Fall'n at length,
Look, he stands,
Trunk and bough
Naked strength.

RHYME SCHEME = _____

The Crocodile

How doth the little crocodile
Improve his shining tail,
And pour the waters of the Nile
On every golden scale!

How cheerfully he seems to grin
How neatly spreads his claws,
And welcomes little fishes in,
With gently smiling jaws!

RHYME SCHEME = _____

Independent Practice: Figure out/mark the end rhyme scheme of the following poem.

Dust of Snow

-by Robert Frost

The way a crow
Shook down on me
The dust of snow
From a hemlock tree

Has given my heart
A change of mood
And saved some part
Of a day I had rued.

Advanced Work: See if you can fill in the following poem to follow the rhyme scheme.

Sisters Heart to Heart

From the time that we were little, **A**
I knew you'd always be **B**
Not just a loving sister **C**
But a caring friend to _____. **B**

A shoulder I could cry on, **D**
A helping hand in times of need, **E**
A cheerleader to lift me up, **F**
My angel in both word and deed. **E**

We told each other secrets; **G**
We giggled and we cried. **H**
We shared our joys and sorrows-- **I**
We were always side by _____. **H**

We have a very special bond; **J**
I knew it from the start. **K**
You'll have my love forever-- **L**
We're sisters, heart to _____. **K**

-By Joanna Fuchs