

Vivian lectures on this sonnet, "If poysous mineralls" by John Donne:

If poysous minerals, and if that tree, A (Whose fruit)threw death(on else)immortall us,)B If lecherous goats, if serpents envious B Cannot be damn'd. Alas; why should I bee? A Why should intent or reason, borne in mee, A Make sinnes, else equall, in mee, more heinous?B And mercy being easie, and glorious B To God, in his sterne wrath, why threatens bee? A But who am I, that dare dispute with thee? A O God, Oh! of thine onely worthy blood, C And my teares, make a heavenly Lethean flood, C And drowne in it my sinnes blacke memorie, A That thou remember them, some claime as debt, D I thinke it mercy, if thou wilt forget, D
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quatrains: four line section of poem

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Construct your own sonnet. Tell the reader something urgent!

- 14 lines
- iambic pentameter (iambic: unstress/stress rhythm; pentameter: five "feet", of two beats each) = ten syllables per line ba dum
- rhyme scheme (= pattern) of your choice

- 1 Music fills our lives with joy and happiness
- 2 We dance, we sing, we leap, we laugh, we love ✓
- 3 Our movement is made of expression
- 4 The notes we sing cannot be much suppressed ✓
- 5 Our giggles are the way we rid our stress ✓
- 6 The love emerges from our soul above ✓
- 7 And flies through the air as a white dove
- 8 The music and the love make us feel best ✓
- 9 And causes our pain to be less
- 10 We listen when we are feeling down
- 11 And makes our woes and worries drown
- 12 It lifts our spirits and fixes our mess
- 13 MUSIC brings out the best in us all day
- 14 MUSIC shows us exactly what to say

you nailed the
✓ iambic pentameter
in all these lines
checked - good work!

fun rhyme scheme -
did you pick it
+ then write? or
write it first?

Rhymed
couplet here
(two lines
that rhyme)