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- contains 10 syllables per line. Yes, TEN! No more, no less.
- follows the ABAB-CD-CD-EFEF-GG rhyme scheme
- is 14 lines in length, structured as 3 quatrains and 1 couplet
 - Quatrain 1: Introduce the class and give us some general details (class name, time of day, overall attitude toward the subject matter)
 - Quatrain 2: Give us more specific details – what *exactly* makes you love this class so much? Is it the teacher’s style of teaching, the people in the class, the types of materials you use, what you’re learning?
 - Quatrain 3: Begin with a *volta* (usually signaled with a transition word) and describe, perhaps, some changes you’d make to the class (for example, you wish it was the last class of the day, or the first) *or* tell what you think might make the class *even better than it already is!*
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