Common Meter

<u>structure</u>: quatrains (four-line stanzas)

<u>meter</u>: lines 1 and 3 are iambic tetrameter
          lines 2 and 4 are iambic trimeter

<u>rhyme</u>: lines 1 and 3 may rhyme
         lines 2 and 4 must rhyme

<u>example</u>:

Appar/ently / with no / surprise	*A*
To a/ny hap/py *flower*,	*B*
The frost / beheads / it at / its play	*C*
In ac/ciden/tal *power*.	*B*

<u>hint</u>:   Remember the theme song to
         Gilligan's Island? Sing it!