

A Green Cornfield  
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**What is alliteration?**

Alliteration is when two or more words begin with the same sound

**What is a rhyme scheme?**

**Why is rhyme used?**

It is used to emphasise certain words or ideas, to link various parts of a poem together and to influence the emotions and reactions of the reader, for example: AABB, ABCA, ABAB

For example:

Remembering how his mother **smiled**,  
And the stories she once **told**,  
The lonely and forsaken **child**  
Wandered slowly in the **cold**.

The earth was green, the sky was **blue**:

I saw and heard one sunny morn  
A skylark hang between the two,  
A singing speck above the corn;

A stage below, in gay **accord**,  
White butterflies danced on the **wing**,  
And still the singing skylark soared,  
And silent sank and soared to sing.

The cornfield stretched a tender **green**

To right and left beside my **walks**;  
I knew he had a nest **unseen**  
Somewhere among the million stalks.

And as I paused to hear his **song**  
While swift the sunny moments slid,  
Perhaps his mate sat listening long,  
And listened longer than I did.

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A **rhyme scheme** is the pattern of rhyming words at the end of each line in a poem or song. The **ABAB** rhyme scheme is commonly used in short poems or songs where the first and third lines rhyme with each other **put (A)**, the second and fourth lines rhyme with each other **put (B)**.

So finally, it becomes **ABAB**