

## **Ballad**

- Narrative poem
- Sensational stories of tragedy, adventure, betrayal, revenge, and jealousy
- Folk ballads anonymous and passed down orally from generation to generation
- Literary ballads written down by know poets but in the style of folk ballads
- Regular rhythm and rhyme
- A refrain repeated at regular intervals
- Ballad stanza is quatrain with rhyme scheme abcb
- Often iambic meter