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BALLADS

A ballad is a poem that tells a story. The story is broken into four-line stanzas. The second and fourth lines always rhyme. The common rhyming pattern is ABAB, but it can also be ABCB. Sometimes the ballad has a "refrain", a short phrase or verse that is repeated throughout the song, sometimes after every stanza. Many songs are ballads.

You could write a ballad. It is good to write about something that is important to you. What would you like to write about?

Topic _____

Brainstorm words about your topic.

Think of words you would like to use in your ballad that rhyme.

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| _____ | rhymes with | _____ |
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Write a short ballad with an ABAB pattern.
