Poetry Copying Handwriting Worksheet: Preserve Line Breaks and Stanza Spacing

Worked example / complete source key

A model poem has two stanzas. Stanza one has three lines; stanza two has two lines. The marked stanza gap is one blank ruled line. Describe how to copy it and how to check the copy.

Answer: Copy stanza one line by line on three separate ruled lines. After the third line, leave one blank ruled line as the stanza gap. Then copy stanza two on the next two ruled lines. To check, count the copied lines: three in the first stanza and two in the second, matching the model. Count the stanza gaps: one gap, matching the model. Confirm the gap is one blank ruled line, then read the copy aloud and pause at each line break and longer at the stanza gap.