

All around the cobbler's bench  
The monkey chased the weasel  
The monkey thought 'twas all in fun  
Pop -- goes the weasel!  
Johnny's got the whooping cough and  
Mary's got the measles  
That's the way the money goes  
Pop -- goes the weasel!

trochaic tetrameter  
iambic tetrameter  
meter: dactylic dimeter

Oh, what a beautiful mornin'  
Oh, what a beautiful day.  
I've got a beautiful feelin'  
Everything's goin' my way.

meter: dactylic trimeter

Don't be afraid of the future,  
All of our plans will come true.  
How can they fail with love on our side?  
They'll never fail, we won't be denied.

dactylic trimeter  
meter: iambic tetrameter

There's a bright, golden haze on the meadow  
There's a bright, golden haze on the meadow.  
The corn is as high as an elephant's eye  
And it looks like it's climbing clear up to the sky.

meter: imperfect anapestic  
tetrameter

What do you do with a B.A. in English?  
What is my life going to be?  
Four years of college and plenty of knowledge  
Have earned me this useless degree.  
I can't pay the bills yet, 'cause I have no skills yet.  
The world is a big scary place...

meter: anapestic pentameter  
alternating w/ trochaic  
tetrameter

Columbus and his men, they say,  
Conveyed the virus hither,  
Whereby my features rot away  
And vital powers wither;  
Yet had they not traversed the seas  
And come infected back,  
Why, think of all the luxuries  
That modern life would lack!

meter: Iambic tetrameter  
+  
Iambic trimeter

Scansion Subtleties Assignment - Part One

Scan the following verses, marking: ictus, mora, virgule.

Label each with its predominant metrical form (e.g., "trochaic tetrameter"  
or "trochaic tetrameter, alternating with trochaic trimeter")

Gather round me, everybody  
Gather round me while I preach some.  
Feel a sermon comin' on me.

meter: trochaic tetrameter

In all the towns and cities fair  
On Merry England's broad expanse,  
No swordsman ever could compare  
With Thomas Winterbottom Hance.

meter: Iambic tetrameter

Let's meet on the road to Morocco,  
Instead of the tunnel of love.

meter: anapestic tetrameter  
alternating w/ iambic  
trimeter

## Scansion Subtleties Assignment - Part Two

Scansion Assignment 2.1 - Write and scan eight lines of iambic tetrameter which are perfect except for even numbered lines in which you are to use iambic trimeter. Use only masculine rhymes. Mark ictus, mora and virgule.

Scansion Assignment 2.2 - Write and scan eight lines of perfect trochaic tetrameter which are perfect except for even numbered lines in which you are to use trochaic trimeter. Use only feminine rhymes. Mark ictus, mora and virgule.

Scansion Assignment 2.3 - Write a quatrain which scans in the following way:

u u / : u u / : u u / : u /  
u / : u u / : u /

u u / : u u / : u u / : u /  
u / : u u / : u /

Scansion Assignment 2.4 - Write a quatrain which scans in the following way:

/ u u : / u u : / u u : / u  
u : / u u : / u u : /

/ u u : / u u : / u u : / u  
u : / u u : / u u : /

2.1

I thought | about | my dinner plans  
 And what | I would | go eat  
 I searched | the pantry | for some cans  
 Of beans | to serve | with meat  
 The kitchen was | so empty | that  
 I had | to leave | my ~~house~~ home  
 But then | my tire | went flat  
 So now | I have | to roam

2.2

Don't you | wish you | were a genie  
 Filled with | lots of | magic  
 Conjure | up a | gin martini  
 Nothing | would be | tragic  
 Even | though your | house is | tiny  
~~Make a wish and it's a castle~~  
 change it | to a | castle  
 Make it | look so | super | shiny  
 Nothing | is a | hassle

2.3

If you wanted a car and you don't have cash

Then open your piggy bank

If you open the bank and there's not a stash

~~then hope it was just a prank~~

Then hope it was just a prank

2.4

Beautiful people are always around you

I think that they want to be seen

Often I wonder why can't I be one too

Perhaps it's because I'm too green