

Pantoum

Toll of George Washington Bridge Controversy

This administration and this Legislature will not allow the work that needs to be done to improve the people's lives in New Jersey to be delayed for any reason. Governor Chris Christie

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I am the leader of this state and its people, and I stand here today proud to be both and always determined to do better. Governor Chris Christie

Pantoum: Malay Form

1. Four-line stanzas. 2nd and 4th line of each stanza become the 1st and 3rd in next stanza. The opening and closing lines are the same.
2. The structure for a four stanza pantoum would be ABCD BEDF EGFH GCHA
3. Rhyme Scheme: a-b-a-b, b-c-b-c. etc. but does not have to rhyme.
4. Variations: You can end poem where the poem begins with lines 1 and 3 as repetons in reverse order as a couplet.
5. In example I played with rhyme scheme.