

## Double Dactyl

### Three Poets

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Blood-jetting, - blood-letting  
poet Sylvia Plath  
fearing the bell jar's fall  
ended her life.

Writing so feverishly  
super-transcendentally  
craftily ceased being  
Ted Hughes' wife.

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Red-flaming, bed-blaming  
the poet Anne Sexton  
imprisoned by madness she  
turned on the gas.

Writing her fantasies  
phantasmagorically  
found that reality  
failed her alas.

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Inchily-pinchilly  
shy seamstress Hazel Hall  
stitched her words and threads  
and found them hemmed.

Rhyme formed the fabric  
needily-wheedily  
created poetry  
when sewed or penned.

### Mothering Genius

Zippity-zappity  
Nancy E. Edison  
Mother of Thomas A.  
Dropout so bright.

Teaching so wizardly  
Experimentally  
Transmitting graphically  
Turned on the light.

**Double Dactyl:** Originally used  
dactylic lines. Two quatrains.  
In dactyls it looked like below.  
l=hard u=soft

luu luu  
luu luu  
luu luu  
llll

luu luu  
luu luu  
luu luu  
llll

First line is nonsense syllables.  
The second line uses a name.

Syllabic Count: 6-6-6-4 6-6-6-4  
Last lines of each quatrain rhyme.