

## Raccontino

### **This Fourth of July**

Some grandchildren are away this **July**-  
two are in New Jersey on the east coast.

We won't see grandchildren on this **Fourth**  
so to them I salute a happy toast.

As the fireworks display **bursts**  
less abundant than most

I will remember the times **with**  
the grandchildren at the parties we host.

This year we celebrate adolescent **independence**  
and the love of the grandchildren we boast.

### Raccontino:

1. Even numbered lines have the same rhyming sound.
2. Couplets.
3. The end words of the odd numbered lines with the title tell a brief story.
4. The number of couplets is unlimited.
5. The odd numbered lines do not rhyme but tell a story.
6. The even numbered lines are mono-rhymed.

In this example the even numbered mono-rhymes are coast, toast, most, host, boast.  
The odd numbered lines tell the story. This Fourth of July July Fourth bursts with  
independence. The story is in bold.