

Seadna

The Halloween Cat

7xa	Night tr avel t imes, witch's tomcat
6xb	h olds h ard <i>to</i> broom-- very tight
4xc2xc	f loats f ree <i>through air</i> without a prayer,
1xb1xc2xb	hopes night is <i>fair</i> for fun flight.

Seadna (shay'-na) Irish. Quatrains.

8 syllable lines with disyllabic (2 syllables) endings
7 syllable lines with monosyllabic (1 syllable) endings.

Lines 2 and 4 rhyme. (tight/flight)
Line 3 rhymes with the stressed word of line 4, (prayer/fair)

2 cross rhymes in second couplet (fair/air) (to/through lines 2 and 3)

Alliteration in each line. (travel/times holds/hard floats/free fair/for Fun flight)
Final word in line 4 alliterates with preceding stressed word. (fun/flight)

Last syllable in line 1 alliterates with the first stressed word of line 2. (cat/holds) very slant.

Poem ends with same first syllable, word or line which begins. (Night/flight.)

1. x-x-x-x-x-x-a
- 2 x-x-x-x-x-b
3. x-x-x-c-x-x-c
- 4 x-b-x-c-x-x-b

Bold = alliteration. Italics the cross rhymes. I put one cross rhyme per couplet.