Sestina Poetry

*The sestina is a strict ordered form of poetry, dating back to twelfth century French troubadours. It consists of six six-line (sestets) stanzas followed by a three-line envoy. Rather than use a rhyme scheme, the six ending words of the first stanza are repeated as the ending words of the other five stanzas in a set pattern. The envoy uses two of the ending words per line, again in a set pattern.* ~ From [www.shadowpoetry.com](http://www.shadowpoetry.com)

First come up with 6 words and type them below- KEEP THE COLORS!

1. word

2. word

3. word

4. word

5. word

6. word

Next, change all the color words below to match your words. So if your red word is “catch” then change all the red words below to “catch.”

After doing that for all words then change the black words to make sense for your poem (see my example).

HINT: Every stanza should be different! If you said “throw and catch” for one stanza you can’t say “throw and catch” for another one.

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Stanza 1

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Stanza 2

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Stanza 3

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Stanza 4

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Stanza 5

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Stanza 6

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wordswordswordswordswords **word**

wordswordswordswordswords **word**

wordswordswordswordswords **word**

Tercet

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When you have finished you can change the formatting and colors and give your poem pictures if you wish (see my sample).