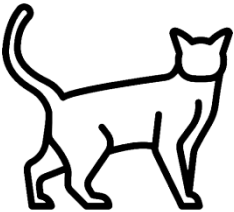


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## Telling Tales with Tankas

A **tanka** is a five-line poem that tells a short story. It has rules for the number of syllables on each line. Usually, the third line is a “pivot” or turning point that connects the beginning of the story to the end.

Tanka Rules	Example
Line 1: Five syllables Line 2: Seven syllables Line 3: Five syllables Line 4: Seven syllables Line 5: Seven syllables	Crash at two A.M. I opened my bedroom door A white cat ran by Startled by the clanging fall Of the treat jar’s metal lid 

Write your own tanka here:

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