

Rhyme Scheme Practice

Find the rhyme scheme for the following poems. Use letters for words that sound alike, or rhyme. The letter A represents the first group of sounds, the letter B represents the second group, continuing until the end of the poem.

Lobster Quadrille from Alice's Adventures in Wonderland

by Lewis Carroll

“Will you walk a little faster?” said a whiting to a snail.	_____
“There’s a porpoise close behind us, and he’s treading on my tail.	_____
See how eagerly the lobsters and the turtles all advance!	_____
They are waiting on the shingle—will you come and join the dance?	_____
Will you, won’t you, will you, won’t you, will you join the dance?	_____
Will you, won’t you, will you, won’t you, won’t you join the dance?	_____
“You can really have no notion how delightful it will be	_____
When they take us up and throw us, with the lobsters, out to sea!”	_____
But the snail replied “Too far, too far!” and gave a look askance—	_____
Said he thanked the whiting kindly, but he would not join the dance.	_____
Would not, could not, would not, could not, would not join the dance.	_____
Would not, could not, would not, could not, could not join the dance.	_____
“What matters it how far we go?” his scaly friend replied.	_____
“There is another shore, you know, upon the other side.	_____
The further off from England the nearer is to France—	_____
Then turn not pale, beloved snail, but come and join the dance.	_____
Will you, won’t you, will you, won’t you, will you join the dance?	_____
Will you, won’t you, will you, won’t you, won’t you join the dance?”	_____

From “The Elephant’s Child”

by Rudyard Kipling

I Keep six honest serving-men:		I let them rest from nine till five.	_____
(They taught me all I knew)	_____	For I am busy then,	_____
Their names are What and Where and When	_____	As well as breakfast, lunch, and tea,	_____
And How and Why and Who.	_____	For they are hungry men:	_____
I send them over land and sea,	_____	But different folk have different views:	_____
I send them east and west;	_____	I know a person small—	_____
But after they have worked for me,	_____	She keeps ten million serving-men,	_____
I give them all a rest.	_____	Who get no rest at all!	_____
		She sends ‘em abroad on her own affairs,	_____
		From the second she opens her eyes—	_____
		One million Hows, two million Wheres,	_____
		And seven million Whys!	_____