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Lantern Rhyme Trail

Directions: Read the poem carefully. Pay attention to the last word of each line. Mark words that sound alike by assigning letters (A, B, C, etc.).

- Example: If line 1 and line 3 rhyme, mark both as "A."
- If line 2 and line 4 rhyme, mark them as "B."

Write the rhyme scheme for each stanza (examples: ABAB, AABB, ABCB). Afterward, explain in one sentence how the rhyme scheme affects the poem's rhythm or mood.

The Lantern by the River

The lantern glowed in silver night,
Its flame was small, yet bold.
It shimmered soft with gentle light,
A story left untold.

Beneath the trees the shadows grew,
The river hummed its song.
The world felt old, yet fresh and new,
As moonlight drifted long.

A whisper rose, a secret near,
The air was cool and still.
The lantern shone, its glow sincere,
And hearts began to fill.

1. Label the rhyme scheme of the **first stanza**.

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2. Label the rhyme scheme of the **second stanza**.

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3. Label the rhyme scheme of the **third stanza**.

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4. Which stanza has the most regular rhythm? Explain briefly.

5. How does the rhyme scheme add to the atmosphere of the poem?
