

Lantern Rhyme Trail Answer Key

Stanza 1:

- Night (A), bold (B), light (A), untold (B) → **ABAB**

Stanza 2:

- Grew (A), song (B), new (A), long (B) → **ABAB**

Stanza 3:

- Near (A), still (B), sincere (A), fill (B) → **ABAB**

Q4. Which stanza has the most regular rhythm?

- All three stanzas share the same ABAB pattern, but the **first stanza** introduces the steady rhythm that carries through the poem.

Q5. How does the rhyme scheme add to the atmosphere?

- The repeating ABAB rhyme gives the poem a **musical, flowing quality** that matches the imagery of light, river, and moonlight, creating a calm, reflective mood.

Teacher Notes:

- Encourage students to **say the end words aloud** to hear the rhymes more clearly.
- Guide them to notice that ABAB creates a **balanced back-and-forth pattern**, mirroring the steady flow of the river imagery.
- Extension idea: Ask students to write a 4-line stanza using an ABAB pattern to practice.