

COUPLET

A couplet is two lines that rhyme
With even rhythm all the time.

When strung together, couplets tell
Ideas or tales, and tell them well.

Here is a string of imagery couplets
written by R. G. Everson:

The Loaves
Half a dozen white loaves lie
in the oven of the sky,
round above and flat below.
Who is baking? I don't know,
but whoever set them there
in the oven of the air,
had better damper down the sun
before the batch is overdone.

Jennifer Hind, "Couplet," *The Royal Gazette*, Bermuda, 2003.

Poetry has often been used to express political opinions and protest as well as express emotions. War is one topic that is very emotive, expressing extreme patriotism at one end of the spectrum, and protests about the horrors of war at the other. Unfortunately, at the moment, many people have turned to war to solve their disputes.

Scan through today's edition of *your newspaper* for news of conflicts. Use the information in the articles to inspire you to write a couplet poem on the topic of war, or another issue that concerns you deeply.

