

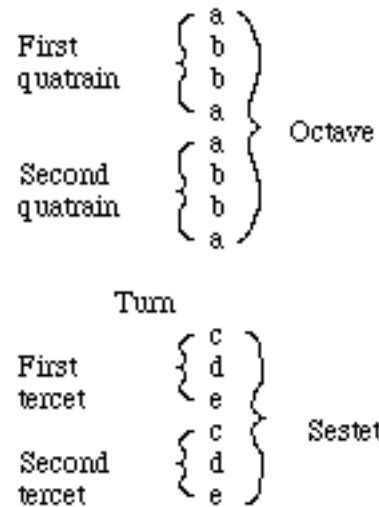
Creative Writing Assignment: Sonnets and *radi os*

Assignment (Due Sept 26)

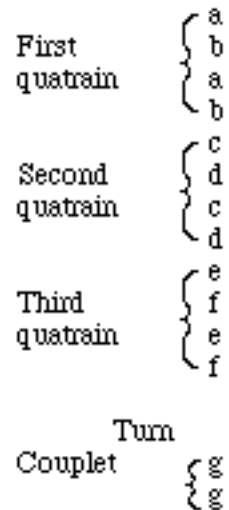
The Topeka poet Ronald Johnson wrote a poem called *radi os* by deleting certain words and letters from a copy of John Milton's *Paradise Lost*. He created his own poem out of the words of Milton's poem. (See the back of this sheet.) Select one of the nine sonnets scheduled for discussion on Sept 26 and transform it into your own poem using the method of letter and word deletion illustrated by *radi os*. Bring your poem to class with you on Sept 26.

Three Common Kinds of Sonnets

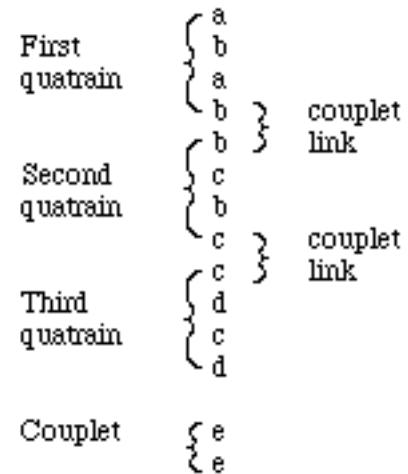
The Italian Sonnet



The English Sonnet



The Spenserian Sonnet



[from Jon Stallworthy, "Versification," 2043]