PARTS OF A POEM

Read the definitions for the parts of a poem. Then identify each part in the poem below by filling in the blanks in the diagram.

Line: the simplest part of a poem, a line is a group of words that are all on the same line

Stanza: similar to a paragraph in prose, a stanza is a group of lines that belong together. A stanza can composed of any number of lines, but are most often four or six lines long.

Couplet: A couplet is two lines next to each other that rhyme.

Rhyme: Many poems rhyme. To say that two lines rhyme means that the last word of each line rhymes.

Meter: The rhythm created by the combinations of stressed and unstressed syllables in a line of poetry is called its “meter.”

Foot: A group of stresses and non-stresses that define the meter of a poem is called a foot.

Chorus: a part of a poem that repeats itself.

An elephant climbed up a really tall tree
She wanted to know just how far she could see
But the tree shook so much she couldn’t see at all
And instead only found out how hard she could fall!

A mouse in the grass watched the whole escapade
Why bother? He said to poor, poor Adelaide
An elephant’s meant to be standing on ground
Which is why, the mouse said, I think you have been downed!

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