

Oriental Octet

The Oriental Octet is an unrhymed nature poem of 8 lines with the following syllable counts:

5, 7, 5, 7, 7, 5, 7, 5

Example:

On the Mountain

Cicadas humming,
a sunset breeze is blowing,
white chrysanthemums
nod stiffly along the walk.

From the crimson pagoda
a white dove flying
ascending with chanted prayers
into mauve twilight.