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AND BAR THE DOOR

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## Literary Analysis

### BALLAD

A **ballad** is a story told in song, using the language of common people. Early ballads were composed orally and passed down through retelling. Ballads feature literary elements such as characters, settings, a simple plot, and four-line stanzas called **quatrains**.

**Directions:** Select one of the three ballads in the lesson. For each poetic convention listed in the chart, provide an example from the ballad.

#### Ballad:

Conventions of a Ballad	Examples
tragic or sensational subject matter	
a simple plot	
dialogue	
repetition	
regular rhyme/meter	