

# Reading Skill

## ANALYZE POETIC STRUCTURE

In poetry, **structure** refers to the way words, images, and lines are arranged. Generally a poem’s structure and its content reinforce each other. The following strategies can help you understand how structure supports content in poetry:

- Summarize each section to clarify the content.
- Note where a turn, or shift in thought, occurs.
- Consider the overall effect the structure creates.

**Directions:** Use the charts to analyze the structure of the two poems.

On Her Loving Two Equally		
Sections	Summaries	Turn
1 <sup>st</sup> stanza		
2 <sup>nd</sup> stanza		
3 <sup>rd</sup> stanza		

Written at the Close of Spring		
Sections	Summaries	Turn
1 <sup>st</sup> quatrain		
2 <sup>nd</sup> quatrain		
3 <sup>rd</sup> quatrain		
Final Couplet		