

SELECTED POETRY BY WILLIAM WORDSWORTH

COPY MASTER

Reading Skill

ANALYZE STYLISTIC ELEMENTS

Poets’ use of **stylistic elements** differentiates one poet from another. Such elements as line length, syntax, and punctuation vary from poet to poet.

Directions: As you read the poems, use the chart to record lines in which stylistic elements that are typical of Wordsworth’s poetry can be found. An example has been done for you.

Poem	Long, free-flowing sentences	Inverted syntax (reversed word order)	Unusual punctuation, especially dashes and exclamation points
"Lines Composed a Few Miles Above Tintern Abbey"	lines 9–14	line 5	line 2
"Composed Upon Westminster Bridge, September 3, 1802"			
"The World Is Too Much with Us"			
"I Wandered Lonely as a Cloud"			