

Literary Analysis

LYRIC POETRY

A **lyric poem** is a short poem in which a single speaker expresses personal thoughts and feelings. Lyric poems can have a variety of forms and cover subjects from the exalted to the everyday. Most have a melodic rhythm and use elements such as imagery and figurative language to create a unified impression of an incident or feeling.

Directions: Show how “The Lorelei” fits the definition of lyric poetry. Record examples of each characteristic listed in the first column of the chart.

Characteristic of Lyric Poetry	Example(s) from “The Lorelei”
melodic rhythm	
focus on conveying thoughts and feelings	
imagery	
figurative language	