

Reflect and remember ...

The lune is an American poetic form similar to Japanese Haiku, but shorter and less restrictive. A lune consists of three short lines dealing with a single topic. It may follow one of several forms.

The first form counts syllables. Line one is 5 syllables, line two is 3, and line three is 5. For example:

***The soldier fights, bleeds,
even dies,
to serve his country.***

A second form counts words. The first line consists of three words, the second five, and the third three again. For example:

***The soldier goes.
He fights where he's sent
far from home.***

Unlike haiku, a lune may deal with any subject. It may be about a person, an event, a thing, or a feeling. No thought or topic is off-limits.

Choose one of the forms above and write your own lune (or two, if time permits). Be prepared to share your writing with the class.

