

The Italian Sonnet

First quatrain { a
b
b
a }
Second quatrain { a
b
b
a }
Octave

Response

First tercet { c
d
e }
Second tercet { c
d
e }
Sestet

The English Sonnet

First quatrain { a
b
a
b }
Second quatrain { c
d
c
d }
Third quatrain { e
f
e
f }

Turn

Couplet { g
g }

The Spenserian Sonnet

First quatrain { a
b
a
b }
Second quatrain { b
c
b
c }
Third quatrain { c
d
c
d }
Couplet { e
e }
couplet link
couplet link