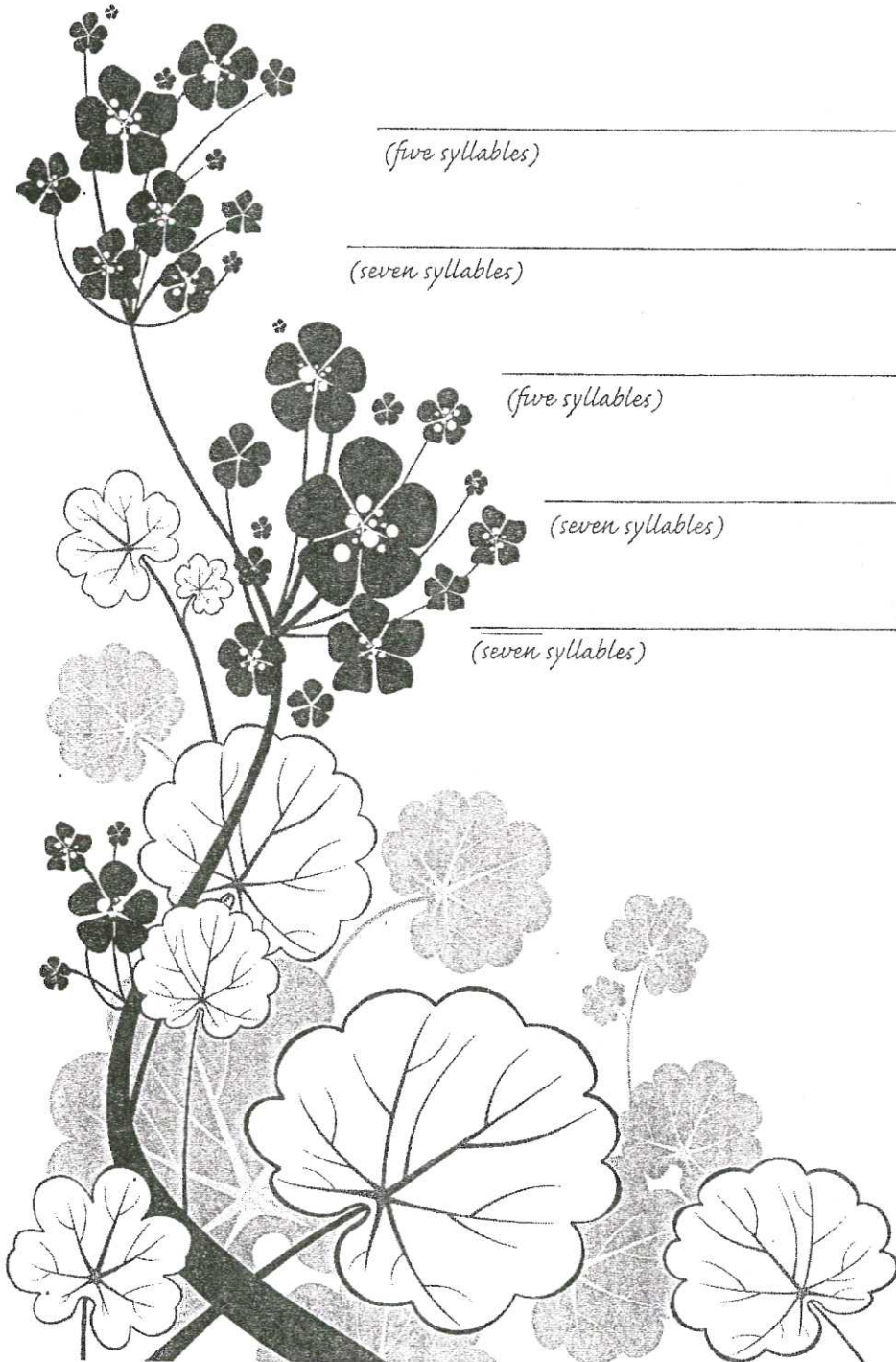


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Instructions: Instructions: Complete this poem using words and phrases with the required number of syllables. A Tanka is similar to a Haiku and is usually about nature.

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Tanka



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Tanka Examples

Example 1

The butterfly flew
Celebrating its freedom
A rainbow with wings
Whispering words about peace
As it traveled through the world

Example 2

The red flower blooms
With a fragrance sweet and soft
Unfurling slowly
Like the hands of a newborn
And the first blush of love's smile

Example 3

Waterfall bubbles
Dripping tears by the gallons
Wetting everyone
Nature's own daily shower
Watching brings peace to mankind

Example 4

Gold hues paint the sky
Ending a hot, steamy day
Soft palette of light
Watercolor in the clouds
Nature's canvas up above

