

### "Fill in the Blank" Verse for Adults

Dost thou want to partake in a poetry game? Then we've got the perfect activity for you.

First print out this sheet. Then get a partner and ask for the parts of speech you see below. But don't let them see the page! When the blanks have all been filled in, read your new poem out loud. You'll have put a new spin on an old classic.

In Xanadu did \_\_\_\_\_  
(person's name)

A stately pleasure-dome decree:

Where \_\_\_\_\_ the sacred river, \_\_\_\_\_  
(proper noun) (verb past tense)

Through \_\_\_\_\_ measureless to man  
(noun)

Down to a \_\_\_\_\_  
(adjective) (noun)

So twice five miles of fertile \_\_\_\_\_  
(noun)

\_\_\_\_\_ walls and towers were girdled round:  
(preposition)

\_\_\_\_\_ here were gardens bright with \_\_\_\_\_ rills  
(conjunction) (adjective)

Where \_\_\_\_\_ many an incense-bearing \_\_\_\_\_.  
(verb past tense) (noun)

And now for the original. From "Kubla Khan" by Samuel Taylor Coleridge

In Xanadu did Kubla Khan  
A stately pleasure-dome decree:  
Where Alph, the sacred river, ran  
Through caverns measureless to man  
Down to a sunless sea.

So twice five miles of fertile ground  
With walls and towers were girdled round:  
And here were gardens bright with sinuous rills  
Where blossomed many an incense-bearing tree.