The Sestina

Structure: Six stanzas of six lines
and a three-line envoy

The last word of the lines are the same six words in the following pattern:

Stanza / Line	**1**	**2**	**3**	**4**	**5**	**6**
1	1	6	3	5	4	2
2	2	1	6	3	5	4
3	3	5	4	2	1	6
4	4	2	1	6	3	5
5	5	4	2	1	6	3
6	6	3	5	4	2	1

So:

Line:	becomes:
1	2
2	4
3	6
4	5
5	3
6	1

An example: Bishop's "Sestina"

Stanza / Line	1	2	3	4	5	6
1	house	tears	child	almanac	stove	grandmother
2	grandmother	house	tears	child	almanac	stove
3	child	almanac	stove	grandmother	house	tears
4	stove	grandmother	house	tears	child	almanac
5	almanac	stove	grandmother	house	tears	child
6	tears	child	almanac	stove	grandmother	house