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Special rules for poems: include line numbers instead of page or paragraph numbers. "And so, Tom awoke and we rose in the dark" – Blake, 2013, Line 21. Use slashes to signify line breaks in the poetry. "And so, he was quiet and that very night, / As Tom was a-sleeping, he had such a sight!" – Blake, 2013, Lines 9-10.

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