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**Instructions:** Look over these student samples of ballads about family members. Which poem do you like best? Why? Talk it over with a partner. Then, complete the bottom half of this page.



**Hugs like Sunday**  
by Ariana D., fourth grade poet

Grandma hugs me every time  
I visit for a while.  
She always wears her Sunday best  
And she wears her Sunday smile.

**My Cousin**  
by Darrin L., fifth grade poet

I like my cousin very much.  
His tree house is the best.  
He hangs from branches like an ape  
And sometimes beats his chest.

When we swim out back in summer,  
I never want to leave,  
But I know he'll always ask me back.  
My cousin's name is Steve.

**Baby Sisters**  
by Kevin V., third grade poet



Jenna is my baby sister.  
She still can't say my name.  
So every time I spill my milk  
I say Jenna is to blame!



**Instructions, part 2:** Now, plan your own ballad about a family member!

My ballad will be about:

Write four interesting but simple words that come to mind when you think of this family member:

Word 1:	Word 2:	Word 3:	Word 4:
List some words that rhyme with word 1:	List some words that rhyme with word 2:	List some words that rhyme with word 3:	List some words that rhyme with word 4:

**Use this word collection to create a ballad (or two) about your family member on another piece of paper!**