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Instructions

Diamantes are seven-line poems that make a diamond-shaped pattern and shift in meaning from top to bottom. Follow these directions:

1. First, write down a noun as a subject. (At this point you may wish to skip to line seven and write down the opposite of this noun.)

2. On the second line, write two adjectives describing the subject.

3. On the third line write three participles (verbs ending in -ing) that describe the subject.

4. On the fourth line, write down four nouns related to the subject. (The second two nouns should be contrasting or suggest a change from that of the first two.)

5. On the fifth line write three participles (verbs ending in -ing) indicating and continuing the change made in line four.

6. On the sixth line write two adjectives carrying on the idea of change or development.

7. On the seventh line, write a noun that is the opposite of the subject from line one.