## Understanding rhyme and meter!

1<sup>st</sup> you must know what the symbols mean!!

U = unstressed

/ = stressed

#### 2nd – Find the pattern

$$\Psi$$
 U / = iambic

$$\star$$
 / U = trochaic

$$UU/=anapestic$$

$$\star$$
 // U = spondaic

3rd – You need to know that each pattern is a foot!

How many feet do you have?

- **ONE FOOT monometer**
- **❖**TWO FEET dimeter
- **\***THREE FEET trimeter
- **❖**FOUR FEET tetrameter
- **❖**FIVE FEET pentameter

Now all you need to do is put the two together!!

Ex. //U //U = spondaic trimeter

# Now see if you can guess the following.....

Use your notes.

(You know I'll try to trick you!)

#### U/U/U/U/

#### U// U// U//U//U//

#### /U/U/U/U/U

### UU/