Closed Couplet Poem ~ Directions

1. Open Microsoft Word
2. Click “Title” in the tool bar ~ type your title ~ Remember the 1st word, last word, and ALL important words should be capitalized.
3. Hit Enter
4. Change your font to Times New Roman size 28
5. Type Your Poem
   1. The FIRST word of each line NEEDS to be capitalized
   2. You must use punctuation
   3. If a line goes beyond the end of the line, reduce the size of the line until it all fits on one line.
   4. Then make sure the rest of your poem matches that line. (For example, you may need to change your poem to size 22.)
6. Insert a footer: (Click the “insert” tab – then click on the “Footer” icon. Type “By:” and then insert both of your names
7. Your poem must follow the aabbccdd rhyme scheme
8. You MUST include one simile or metaphor
9. \*\*\*I have provided a same on the other side. Use it!

Nothing Gold Can Stay

Nature’s first green is gold,

Her hardest hue to hold.

Her early leaf’s a flower;

But only so an hour.

Then leaf subsides to leaf.

So Eden sank to grief,

So dawn goes down to day.

Nothing gold can stay.