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Analyze Internal Rhyme: Pink Dominoes

Directions: Whenever you analyze poetry, it is important to analyze structure, meaning, imagery, the language, and the effect of the poem on the reader. Below is a poem from Rudyard Kipling; it has internal rhyme.

1. First, circle words in each verse that create internal rhyme. Look closely!
2. Second, describe what the poem means and explain your answer.

excerpt from “Pink Dominoes” from Rudyard Kipling

They are fools who kiss and tell"--
Wisely has the poet sung.
Man may hold all sorts of posts
If he'll only hold his tongue.
Jenny and Me were engaged, you see,
On the eve of the Fancy Ball;
So a kiss or two was nothing to you
Or any one else at all.
Jenny would go in a domino--
Pretty and pink but warm;
While I attended, clad in a splendid
Austrian uniform.
Now we had arranged, through notes exchanged
Early that afternoon,
At Number Four to waltz no more,
But to sit in the dusk and spoon.

What does the poem mean? Explain your answer in complete sentences.
