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# Analyze Internal Rhyme: The Raven

**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 Edgar Allan Poe that contains internal rhyme.

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

## excerpt from “The Raven” from Edgar Allan Poe

But the Raven still beguiling all my fancy into smiling,  
Straight I wheeled a cushioned seat in front of bird, and bust and door;  
Then, upon the velvet sinking, I betook myself to linking  
Fancy unto fancy, thinking what this ominous bird of yore—  
What this grim, ungainly, ghastly, gaunt, and ominous bird of yore  
Meant in croaking “Nevermore.”

This I sat engaged in guessing, but no syllable expressing  
To the fowl whose fiery eyes now burned into my bosom’s core;  
This and more I sat divining, with my head at ease reclining  
On the cushion’s velvet lining that the lamp-light gloated o’er,  
But whose velvet-violet lining with the lamp-light gloating o’er,  
She shall press, ah, nevermore!

This is part of a larger poem. What does the poem mean? Explain your answer in complete sentences.

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