

# Assonance

**Assonance**: repetition of vowel sounds within a series of words.

WARNING: Assonance will **not** be in the beginning of the words. THAT is alliteration!

Example:

- ❖ This is it
- ❖ It's hot and it's monotonous
- ❖ The clouds surrounded the mountain and anointed it with the crown of downy powder
- ❖ Fleet feet sweep by sleeping geeks

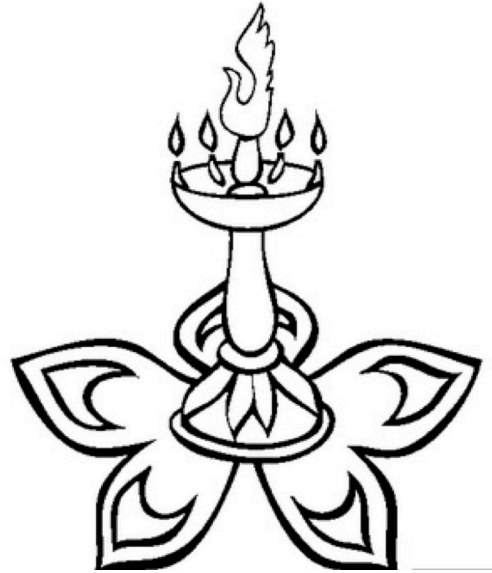
Poems with Assonance:

You are going to read a poem about an Indian poem called Diwali, known as the “festival of lights”. It is celebrated on the 15<sup>th</sup> day of the Hindu month of Ashwin, which usually falls toward the end of October or the beginning of November. This is the night of the new moon, and it is one of the darkest nights of the year. During the night of Diwali, Hindus light small earthen lamps called *diyas*. They are arranged on alters dedicated to deities and other figures such as Lakshmi, the goddess of wealth and prosperity; Lord Rama, the hero of an Indian epic called the *Ramayana*; and his wife, Sita. By observing these rituals, Hindus are assured that the coming year will be full of joy and abundance. Diwali is celebrated in Hindu communities throughout the world, including India, Thailand, Trinidad, Malaysia and the United States, to name just a few.

## Diwali

Bright blazing light  
Burning up the night  
Drive the dark and cold away  
Make the night-time bright as day  
Bright blazing light  
Beautiful sight  
From each window lamps will burn  
Roma, Sita will return  
To bring us wealth, bring us love  
From the goddess high above  
Bright blazing light  
This Diwali night

-David Harmer



## Another poem with Assonance:

### Fire and Ice

Some say the world will end in fire,  
Some say in ice.  
From what I've tasted of desire  
I hold with those who favor fire.  
But if it had to perish twice,  
I think I know enough of hate  
To say that for destruction ice  
Is also great  
And would suffice.  
Robert Frost

