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From Wikipedia:

Scansion is a way to mark the metrical patterns of a line of poetry. In English poetry, these patterns are based on the different stresses placed on each syllable.

How to mark scansion:

Mark syllables that are **stressed** when spoken with a /

Mark syllables that are **unstressed** when spoken with a ˘

˘ / ˘ / ˘ / ˘ / /

But SOFT! What LIGHT through YONder WINdow BREAKS?

Types of meter:

iamb ˘ / Example: But SOFT! What LIGHT through YONder WINdow BREAKS?
—*Shakespeare*

trochee / ˘ Example: PETer, PETer, PUMpkin EATer, HAD a WIFE and COULDN't KEEP her.
—*nursery rhyme*

dactyl / ˘ ˘ Example: PICture yourSELF in a BOAT on the RIVer with TANgerine TREEEes and
MARmalade SKI-i-ies.—*The Beatles*

anapest ˘ ˘ / Example: 'Twas the NIGHT before CHRISTmas and ALL through the HOUSE...
—*Anonymous*

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anger

fear

fun

happiness

confusion

sadness

HOPEFULNESS

passion

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I was born in a
fine old edition of Schilller

While I started life
in a private eye thriller

We're book lice

We're book lice

who dwell

who dwell

in these dusty bookshelves.

in these dusty bookshelves

Later I lodged in

Scott's works—volume 50

While I passed my youth
in an Agatha Christie

We're book lice

We're book lice

attached

attached

despite contrasting pasts.

despite contrasting pasts.

One day, while in search of

a new place to eat

He fell down seven shelves,
where we happened to meet

We're book lice

We're book lice

who chew

who chew

on the bookbinding glue.

on the bookbinding glue.

We honeymooned in an

old guide book on Greece

We're book lice

fine mates

despite different tastes.

So we set up our home

inside Roget's Thesaurus

We're book lice

adoring

despite her loud snoring.

And there we've resided,

and there we'll remain

We're book-loving

book lice

plain proof of the fact

which I'm certain I read

in a book some months back

that opposites

often are known

to attract.

I missed Conan Doyle,

he pined for his Keats

We're book lice

fine mates

despite different tastes.

Not far from my mysteries,

close to his Horace

We're book lice

adoring

despite his loud snoring.

He nearby his Shakespeare,

I near my Spillane

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