



The Burns Stanza (Scotland):

This 6-line stanza, sometimes called the Scottish Stanza or the Standard Habbie, is named after poet Robert Burns. The rhyme pattern is: AAABAB. The A lines are 8 syllables long, and the B lines are only 4 syllables long. Since we're limiting ourselves to 9 lines max, that means only one stanza please.

Example:

COMING THROUGH THE SMOKIES

Foggy morning, dampness clinging—
sweet. The mountains tease, they're flinging
clouds. And hidden peaks wait, ringing
 round like forlorn
ghosts expecting guests and springing
 out, costumes torn.