MODEL POEM

**POEM TO MODEL:**

**Wastebasket Brother - Poem by Shel Silverstein**

Someone put their baby brother  
Under this basket- -  
The question is exactly why,  
But I'm not going to ask it.  
But someone, I ain't sayin' who,  
Has got a guilty face,  
Ashamed for lettin' such a lovely brother  
Go to waste.

1. WHAT FORM DOES THIS POET USE?

Every second line rhymes.

2 sentences which end at line 4 and 8

slang/informal

simple words

1. WHAT OTHER TECHNIQUES DOES HE USE?

Rhythm

pun

MY VERSION – What aspects are missing?

Classroom Mischief

That scrawny rotten brat took

A piece of white chalk

To chuck at his best very best friend

Who very quickly began to balk.

Sup? He asked as he chalk missed,

Pieces on the wall

“Out” she shrieked, ejecting that little brat

Chillin’ in the hall.

No slang/informal

Not 2 sentences

Fix syllables

No pun.