“Nothing Gold Can Stay” Rhyming Activity

This Robert Frost poem, published in 1923 (the same year as “Stopping by Woods on a Snowy Evening”), contains only eight lines, which are paired into four “couplets” (pairs of rhyming lines):

1. Nature’s first green is gold,
2. Her hardest hue to hold.
3. Her early leaf’s a flower;
4. But only so an hour.
5. Then leaf subsides to leaf.
6. So Eden sank to grief,
7. So dawn goes down to day.
8. Nothing gold can stay.

When analyzing what we call a poem’s “rhyme scheme,” we use letters to help us pair up the ending words that rhyme. The rhyme scheme of “Stopping by Woods on a Snowy Evening,” for example, is AABA-BBBC-CCDC-DDDD.


Can you write an 8-line poem with an AA-BB-CC-DD rhyme scheme?

1. _________________________________ [A]
2. _________________________________ [A]
3. _________________________________ [B]
4. _________________________________ [B]
5. _________________________________ [C]
6. _________________________________ [C]
7. _________________________________ [D]
8. ____________________________ [D]