Open or Closed Form?

Is the poem in meter? — **Yes** → CLOSED

No ↓

Does the poem have a uiform number of syllables per line or a repeating pattern of syllables in sucesive lines?CLOSED (syllabic verse) — **Yes** → CLOSED (sllabic verse)

No ↓

Does the poem have a uniform number of stresses per line? — **Yes** → CLOSED (accentual verse)

No ↓

Is there obvious alleration in every line? — **Yes** → CLOSED (alliterative verse)

No ↓

Does the poem rhyme? — **Yes** → Probably CLOSED. More information needed.

No ↓

Does the form have a name (such as haiku or villanelle sonnet or sestina)? — **Yes** → Probably CLOSED, but more information needed.

No ↓

Was the poem written before 1850 in English? — **Yes** → Almost certainly CLOSED. But you probalby answered one of the questions above wrong. Go back and start over.

No ↓

OPEN!