

Sixteen Lovely Ladies (Solution)

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The rhyme scheme in the large poem is ABAB CDCD EFEF GHGH. Each line also matches the rhyme scheme of exactly one of the couplets describing one of the girls. For example, the A lines (“School” and “fool”) correspond to Penny’s couplet (“cool” and “rule”). In this way, we can identify eight girls. In order, they are: Penny, Amanda, Theresa, Ivy, Evelyn, Nellie, Celeste, and Emma. Taking the first letters of their names gives the answer, **PATIENCE**.