

Adverse

I've half a mind to tumble down to prose
But verse is more in fashion so here goes
Lord Byron, the wordsmith dabbled in each
So a wider audience he could reach

One thousand words of prose soon becomes more
But succinct poetry does not have this flaw
The stanza gives verse an elegant frame
For prose the paragraph serves not the same
The sentence can be such an unwieldy beast
But the couplet is food on which to feast

If information is to be conveyed
Then the didactic verse should be surveyed
Or to pour out one's heart the elegy works
And the two line distich is full of quirks

Such variety of styles offers much clout
So that verse will score and prose will miss out!

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The first two lines are taken from "Beppo" written by Lord Byron in 1818. It is the precursor to Byron's most famous poem, Don Juan

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