

WordPress Block Editor: Verse Block

WordPress Training

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This tutorial is part of our series on [How To Use The WordPress Block Editor \(Gutenberg\)](#).

- To learn more about using the WordPress block editor interface, go here: [The WordPress Block Editor – Content Area](#)
- To learn more about using blocks, see this tutorial: [How To Use WordPress Block Editor Blocks](#)

Verse Block – Description

The *Verse block* lets you add special text to your content with special spacing formats, like poems, verses, song lyrics, etc.

Waltzing Matilda

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Banjo Paterson

Waltzing Matilda – Lyrics

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← **Verse
Block**

Add poems and song lyrics to your content using the Verse block.

How To Use The Verse Block

In this section, we'll cover:

- How to add a Verse block to your content.
- How to edit and configure your Verse block and block settings.
- How to remove the Verse block from your content.

For more details on using blocks (e.g. how to move blocks around your content), see this tutorial: [How To Use Blocks](#).

Adding A Verse Block

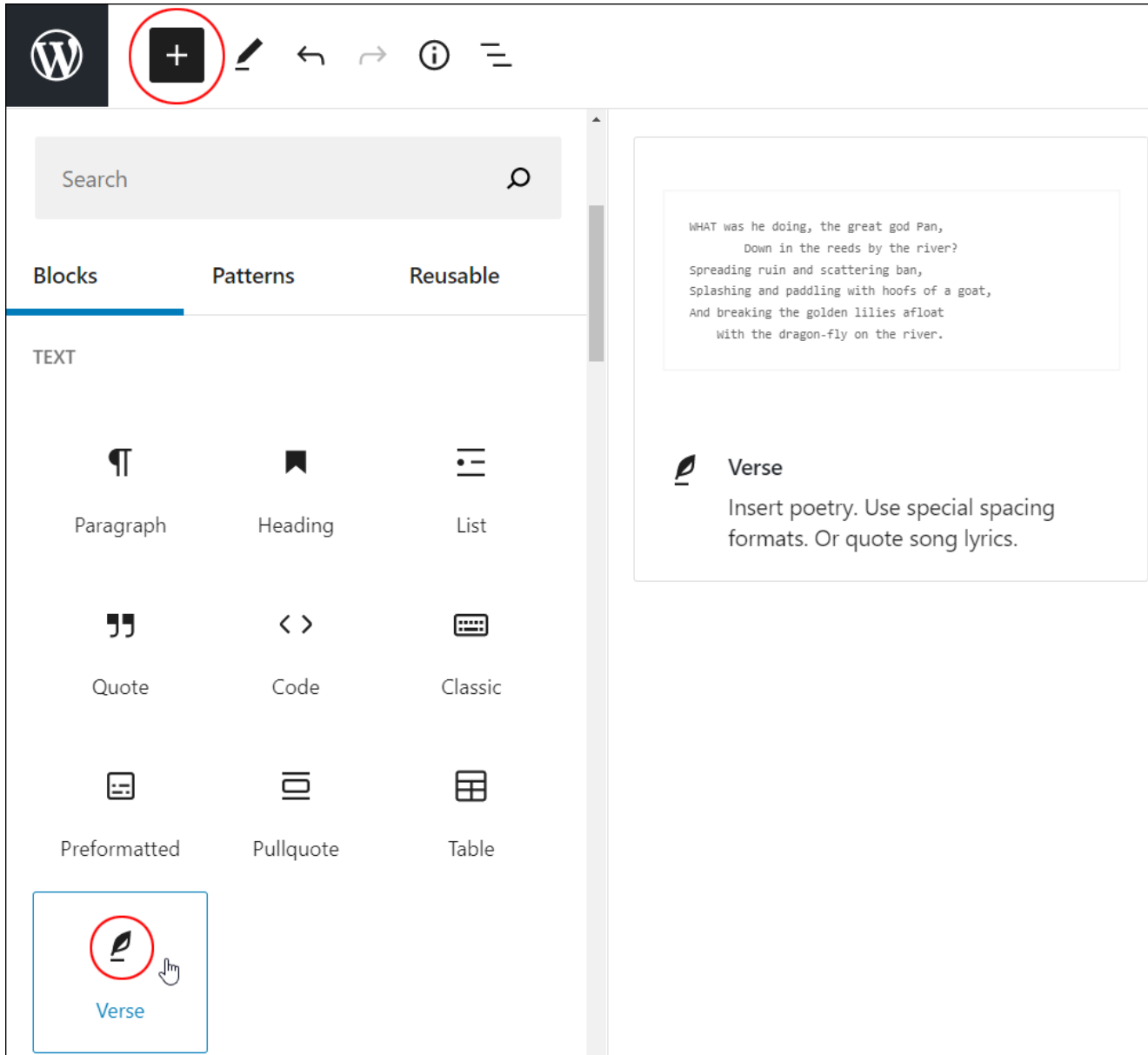
To add a *Verse block* to your content:

- Either:
 - Click on the 'Add Block' tool in the **Editing Toolbar** section and select the Verse block (in *Most Used* or *Text* section),
 - Add the Verse block in the **Content Area**.
- Type or paste in your content.
- Use the tools in the *Verse Block Editor* or *Block Settings* section to edit and format your Verse.

Let's go through the above steps.

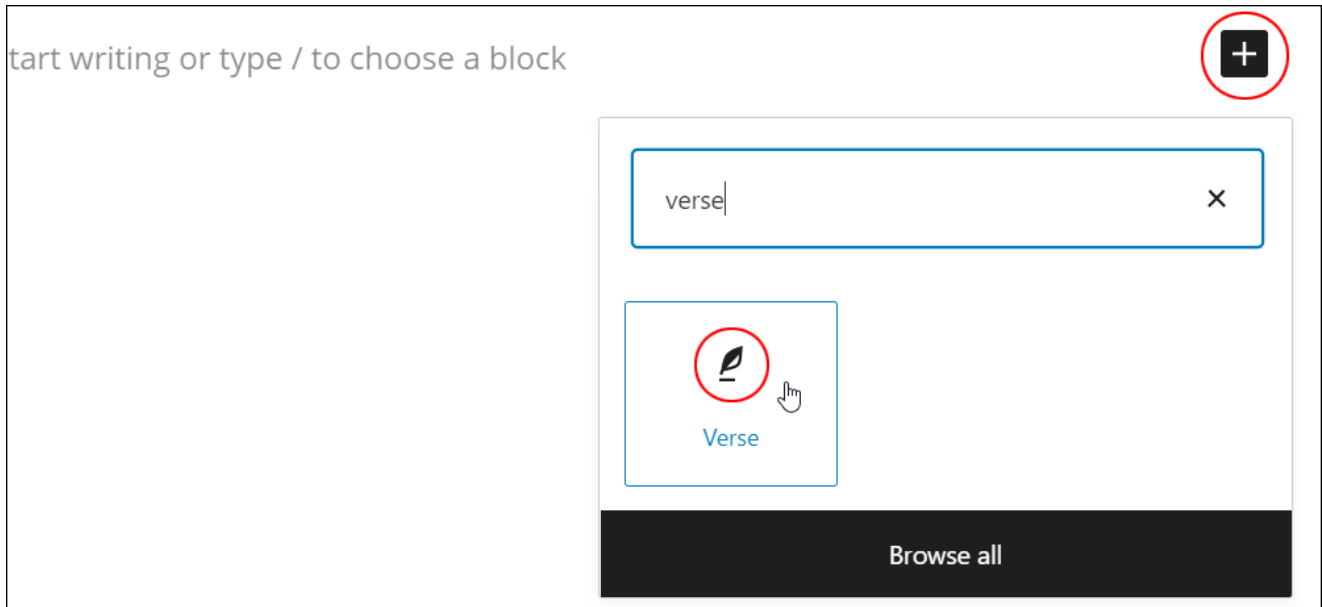
First, create a new post or page or open an existing post or page and either:

Click on the Add Block tool and select a Verse block...



Add a Verse block to your content using the Add Block tool.

Or, select a Verse block using the **Insert** tool in the Content Area.








Use the Inserter tool to insert a Verse block into your posts or pages.

Either of the above methods will add a Verse block to your content.



Verse block added to content.

After adding a Verse block to your content, you can type or paste in your verse.

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Verse block with added content.

After adding a verse to your content, you can:

- Edit and configure your block's settings,
- Save, publish, or update your post or page.

How To Edit A Verse Block

To edit a Verse block:

- Click inside the Verse block to select it.
- Use the *Block Editor* tools to:
 - Change the alignment of the verse text.
 - Format the text (bold, italics, etc.).
 - Add a hyperlink to the verse.
- Use the *Block Settings* to change the style of the verse using CSS (Cascading Style Sheets).



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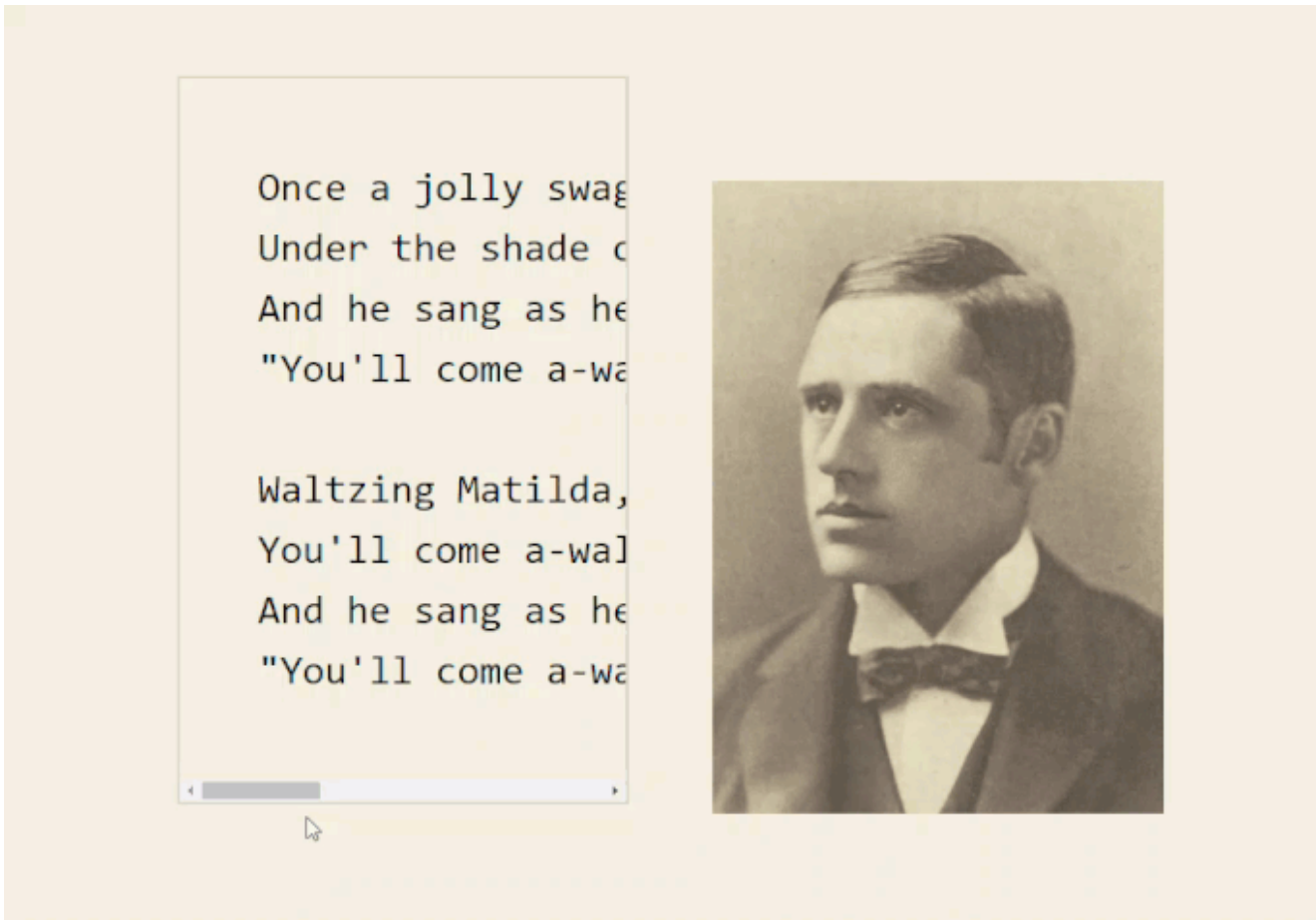
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Change the alignment of your text inside the Verse block.

If the Verse block is too narrow, a horizontal scroll will display so you can continue reading the verse to the end of each line.

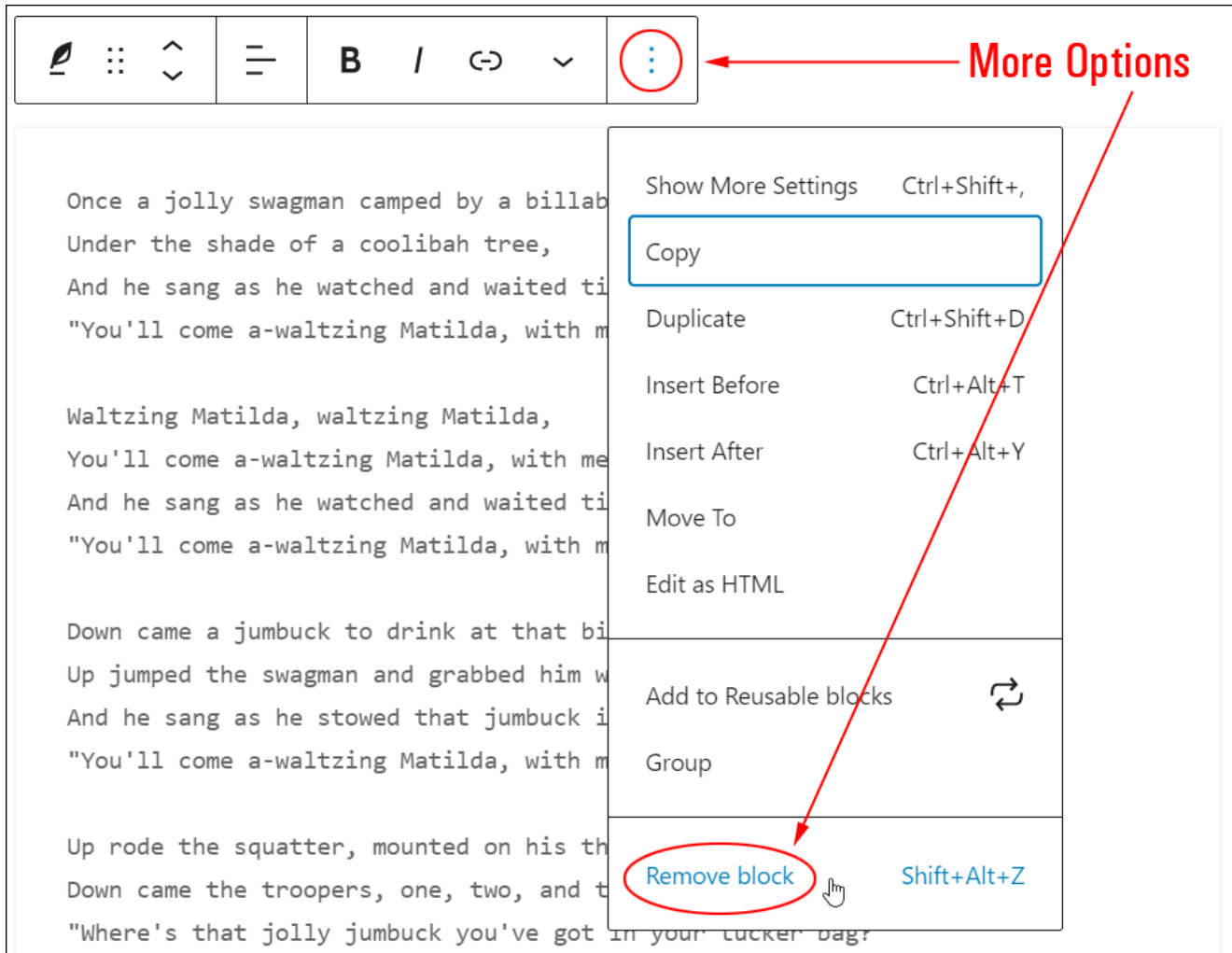


Remember to update and publish your post or page to save your settings.

How To Remove A Verse Block

To delete or remove a Verse block from your content:

- Click inside the Verse block to select it.
- Select the 'More Options' tool in the Block Editor.
- Click on 'Remove block'.
- This will remove the Verse block from your content.



Use the More Options menu to remove a Verse block from your content.

Additionally...

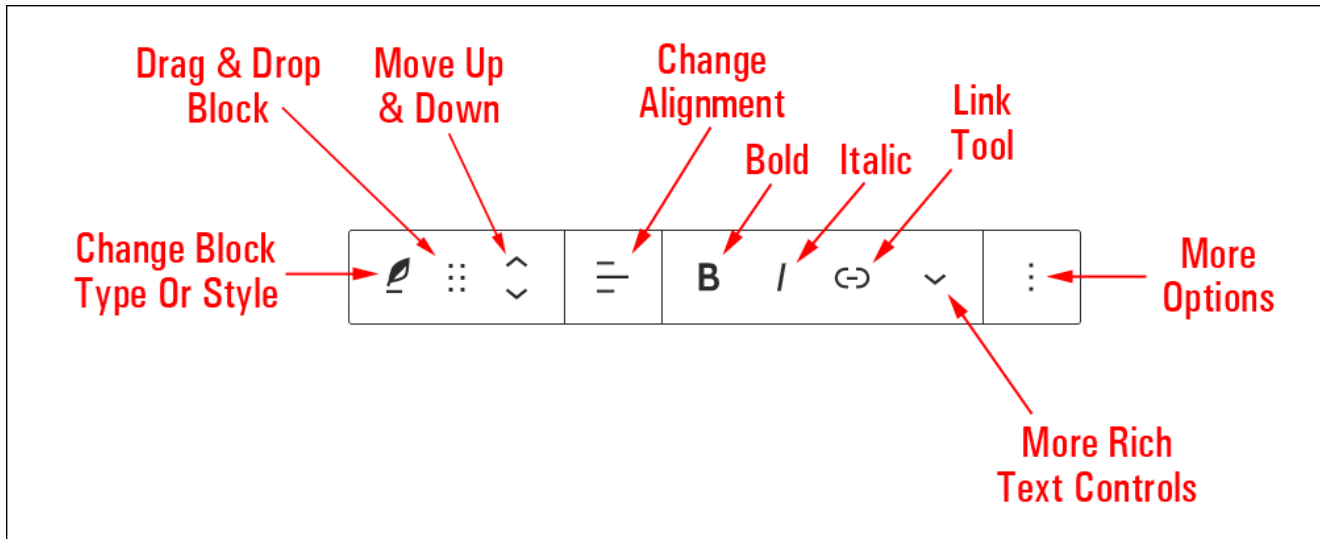
- You can reposition your block using the 'Move Up' and 'Move Down' arrows or the Drag and Drop handle tool (if you need help with this step, see our tutorial on [How To Use Blocks](#)).
- You can also convert a Verse block into a **Reusable block**.

Verse Block Tools, Options & Settings

The *Verse block* includes tools, options, and settings for:

- Verse Block Editor
- Verse Block Settings

Verse Block Editor



Verse block editor.

The *Verse Block Editor* includes tools that let you perform the following operations:

- **Change Block Type** (See ‘*Verse Block – Additional Info*’ section below.)
- **Drag & Drop Tool**
- **Move Up and Down Tool**
- **Change Alignment Tool**
 - Align text left
 - Align text center
 - Align text right
- **Bold** – Add bold formatting to your text.
- **Italic** – Add italicized formatting to your text.
- **Link Tool** – Link and unlink text in your verse.
 - Custom URL* – Paste a URL or type a search term to bring up a list of posts, pages, or custom post types on your site containing your search term.
 - Clicking on the *Link settings* button brings up the following options:
 - Open the link in a new tab (on/off).
 - Apply button. Once the Apply button is clicked, your link displays the following additional options:
 - View the link.
 - Edit the link.
 - Delete the link.
- **More Rich Text Controls** – See [How To Use Blocks](#) to learn more about using rich text control settings.
- **More Options** – See [How To Use Blocks](#) to learn how to use this section.

Verse Block Settings

The image shows a screenshot of the WordPress block settings interface for a Verse block. On the left side, three red text labels with arrows point to specific sections of the settings panel: 'Verse Block Description' points to the top section, 'Typography' points to the typography section, and 'Advanced Settings' points to the advanced section. The settings panel itself is titled 'Post Block' and contains the following sections:

- Verse**: Includes a leaf icon and the text: 'Insert poetry. Use special spacing formats. Or quote song lyrics.'
- Typography**: Includes a 'Font size' dropdown menu set to 'Default', a 'Custom' input field, and a 'Reset' button.
- Advanced**: Includes an 'HTML anchor' input field, a paragraph of explanatory text, a link to 'Learn more about anchors', and an 'Additional CSS class(es)' input field with a note: 'Separate multiple classes with spaces.'

Verse block settings.

Verse block settings include:

- **Block description area**

- **Typography**

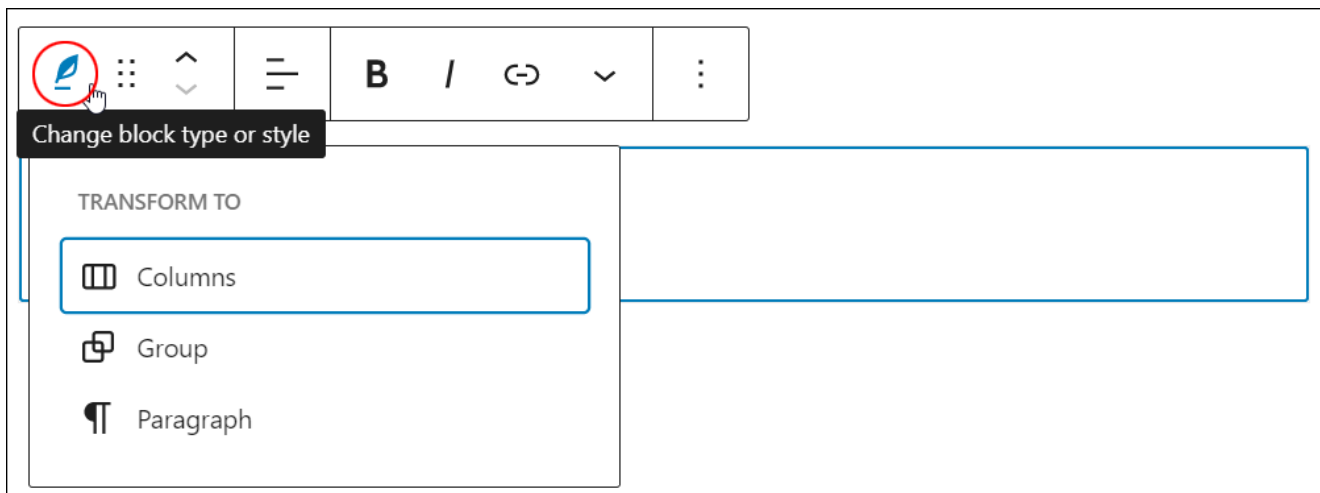
- *Font Size* – Depending on the theme used, font sizes may include the following:
 - Default
 - Extra small
 - Small
 - Normal
 - Medium
 - Large
 - Extra large
 - Huge
 - Gigantic
 - Custom
- *Custom font size*
 - Value field – Enter a value in points
 - Reset – Resets font size to default.

- **Advanced Settings**

- *HTML Anchor* – Create a unique web address to send users directly to this block using a unique jump link URL. To learn more about using HTML Anchors, see our tutorial on **How To Use Blocks**.
- *Additional CSS Class(es)* – This field lets you add multiple CSS classes to your block separated with spaces. This allows you to write custom CSS and style the block as you see fit. Note: This requires having knowledge of CSS (Cascading Style Sheets).

Verse Block – Additional Info

The *Verse block* can be converted into the following block types:



Additionally:

Installing **plugins** or **themes** on your site may also add new functionality, options, or settings to the Verse block.

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Up jumped the swagman and sprang into the billabong.
“You’ll never catch me alive!” said he
And his ghost may be heard as you pass by that billabong:
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Banjo Paterson

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Use the Verse block to add poems and song lyrics to your content.

Congratulations! Now you know how to use the WordPress content editor’s **Verse block**.

To learn how to use other blocks, go here: **[WordPress Block Editor – How To Use Blocks](#)**

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