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Plot Diagram Cadence
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We just know what we've been told,
Understanding plot structure's worth its weight in gold.
Knowing how a story is organized,
Boosts our grade and makes us wise.

Sound off – plot diagram,
Sound off – sequence of events,
Sound off – 1, 2, 3, 4 Literature rocks!

The exposition is first you see,
Introducing the characters and setting is key.
Main problem or conflict is here too,
Helps us understand it's true.

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Sound off – conflict,
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Up next is the rising action,
Interest and suspense give the story traction.
The climax is the turning point,
Leaves the reader ready for more.

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Sound off – turning point,
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Onward in the story to the falling action,
Leads to the ending and the resolution.
Once we are here and the story is done,
Start the plot diagram, the fun has just begun.