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are alphabetized from the last letter to the first. Not 'z' to 'a', but so 'glow' and 'slow' would appear next to each other. As such, this is probably the only rhyming dictionary around that is better for sight rhymes than phonetic ones. Its real value comes from not caring about rhymes at all, but instead looking for words with similar suffixes, eg all the -ism's, or when you don't remember the first letter(s), such as perhaps 'pneumatic'.

Mid-30's printing. No date.