The ballad of Ned Kelly

Read the ballad.

an irish lad named ned kelly
was born in 1854.
his parents worked from dawn to dusk
but still were very poor.
but still were very poor.
when ned was twelve his father died
and life got even worse.
at sixteen years he went to gaol
for receiving a stolen horse.
for receiving a stolen horse.
an argument with a policeman
(fitzpatrick was his name)
sent mrs kelly away for three years
and then ned rose to fame.
then ned rose to fame.
the bush became his second home
and when one day, by chance
he came upon some policemen,
he finally took a stance.
he finally took a stance.

the kelly gang shot them dead
and robbery became their trade.
no rich man’s bank was safe from them
and a legend had been made.
a legend had been made.

june 1880 will be remembered
as ned kelly’s last stand,
dressed in armour made of steel
with shotgun in his hand.
shotgun in his hand.

his comrades fell and still he fought
relentless to the last.
more than twenty-eight bullets peirced
his skin
and so the die was cast.
so the die was cast.

in november 1880, at twenty-eight,
ned’s life came to an end.
a hangman’s rope sealed the fate
of our bushranger legend.
our bushranger legend.

1 Punctuation
The beginning of each line
of a poem generally begins
with a capital letter.

(a) Circle the word at the
beginning of each line
which needs a capital letter.

(b) Underline 16 proper nouns which need a
capital letter.

2 Grammar
(a) Find and write adjectives to match these
nouns:
(i) horse
(ii) parents

(iii) rope
(iv) legend

3 Spelling
(a) There are 2 misspelt words. Write the
correct spelling.

(i) recieving
(ii) peirced

(b) Write the spelling rule.