

# Poetry Terms

| Poetry Term        | Song/Poem Title                                                                                   | Definition                                                               | Example                                                                     |
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| alliteration       | <a href="#">Sarah Cynthia</a>                                                                     | repetition of the beginning sound of words                               | Sarah Cynthia black burned buttered toast,                                  |
| rhyme scheme       | <a href="#">Love &amp; Marriage</a>                                                               | the pattern of rhyming in the poem                                       | <b>AABB AACC DD</b>                                                         |
| literal meaning    | ☐ Literal or Figu...                                                                              | what you hear is what is meant (no hidden, deeper meaning)               | My phone is at 5%                                                           |
| figurative meaning | ☐ Literal or Figu...                                                                              | the abstract or symbolic meaning of poem                                 | She's as fast as a cheetah                                                  |
| theme              | <a href="#">"Major Differences"</a>                                                               | Underlying truth about life as written in the text                       | People are often more comfortable in a group.                               |
| tone               | ☐ "Regular D..."                                                                                  | mood or feeling of the poem                                              | Appreciative.                                                               |
| speaker            | Spider man                                                                                        | point of view                                                            |                                                                             |
| symbolism          | The lotus seed                                                                                    | an object that represents an idea, concept, or something else            | The lotus seed because it represents new beginnings.                        |
| imagery            | <a href="#">"Street Window"</a>                                                                   | words used to appeal to senses (i.e. sight, hearing, taste, smell, etc.) | Old coins worn with finger-marks<br>Old-fashion knives with inlaid handles. |
| simile             | ☐ Every Cat Has...<br><a href="#">Blackberry-Picking</a><br><a href="#">The Poetry Foundation</a> | comparison of two unlike things using like or as                         | Smelled like a cream puff<br>Peaceful, calm                                 |

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| metaphor        | <a href="#">"Major Differences"</a>                                                                  | comparison of two unlike things<br>NOT using like or as        | We divide the world in columns. Columns are strong and made from rock and separated.. People can act strong but be separate.                       |
| personification | <a href="#">"Street Window"</a>                                                                      | giving human qualities to inanimate objects, animals, or ideas | And how far hunger has eaten the heart.<br>Your hungry for money                                                                                   |
| hyperbole       | <a href="#">Sarah Cynthia</a>                                                                        | exaggeration of the truth to make a point                      | At last the garbage reached so high<br>That it finally touched the sky. The garbage reached across the state,<br>From New York to the Golden Gate. |
| onomatopoeia    |                                                                                                      | word that imitates its sound                                   | Moo                                                                                                                                                |
| assonance       |  Neal's Deals - ... |                                                                | Deals steals eee                                                                                                                                   |
| consonance      |                                                                                                      |                                                                | Deals Steals ls                                                                                                                                    |