

Exercise: Guessing Metaphors

Read the three metaphoric poems below. Try and guess what the title (the subject) of each poem is. Then try writing your own metaphoric poem.

by [Phillip Dacey](#)

The odd, friendless boy raised by four aunts.

by [Valerie Worth](#)

Out of
Green space,
A sun:
Bright for
A day, burning
Away to
A husk, a
Cratered moon:

Burst

In a week
To dust:
Seeding
The infinite
Lawn with
Its starry
Smithereens.

by [Charles Simic](#)

Green Buddhas
On the fruit stand.
We eat the smile
And spit out the teeth

(Titles to the above poems: *Thumb*, *Dandelion*,
Watermelon)

