

Poetry Terms

	Song/Poem Title	Example
alliteration	"Sarah Cynthia"	"Prune pits, peach pits, orange peel,"
rhyme scheme	"Love & Marriage"	Marriage and Carriage Brother and other Marriage and disparage Gentry and elementary Illusion and conclusion
literal meaning		
figurative meaning		
theme	"Major Differences"	Often people will divide eachother and don't realize that they are very similar.
tone	"Regular Days"	The tone is a little defensive and dreamy as well "I'm still the kid dreaming of the lives she'll never have but guess what? Maybe she doesn't want them." "Actually, I like little houses,"
speaker	"Maybe Dat's Youwr Pwoblem Too"	The voice of the poem/persona of the person in the poem
symbol	"December"	"December songs no longer I sing" "December clouds are now covering me" December represents something sad/upsetting

imagery	"Street Window"	"Old coins worn with finger marks"
simile		
metaphor	"Major Differences"	"We have to keep our distance so we've another kind to blame. How come, if we're so different, we both react the same?"
personification	"Street Window"	"...hunger has eaten the heart" "They tell stories"
hyperbole	"Sarah Cynthia"	"At last the garbage reached so high That it finally touched the sky." "The garbage reached across the state, From New York to the Golden Gate."
onomatopoeia		
mood	"Ode to Family Photographs" "Abandoned Farmhouse"	<p>The mood is lighthearted and like someone is remembering something. "But we had fun when Mama picked up the camera. How can I tell? Each of us laughing hard."</p> <p>The mood is more mysterious and sad. "Something went wrong, says the empty house in the weed-choked yard"</p>