

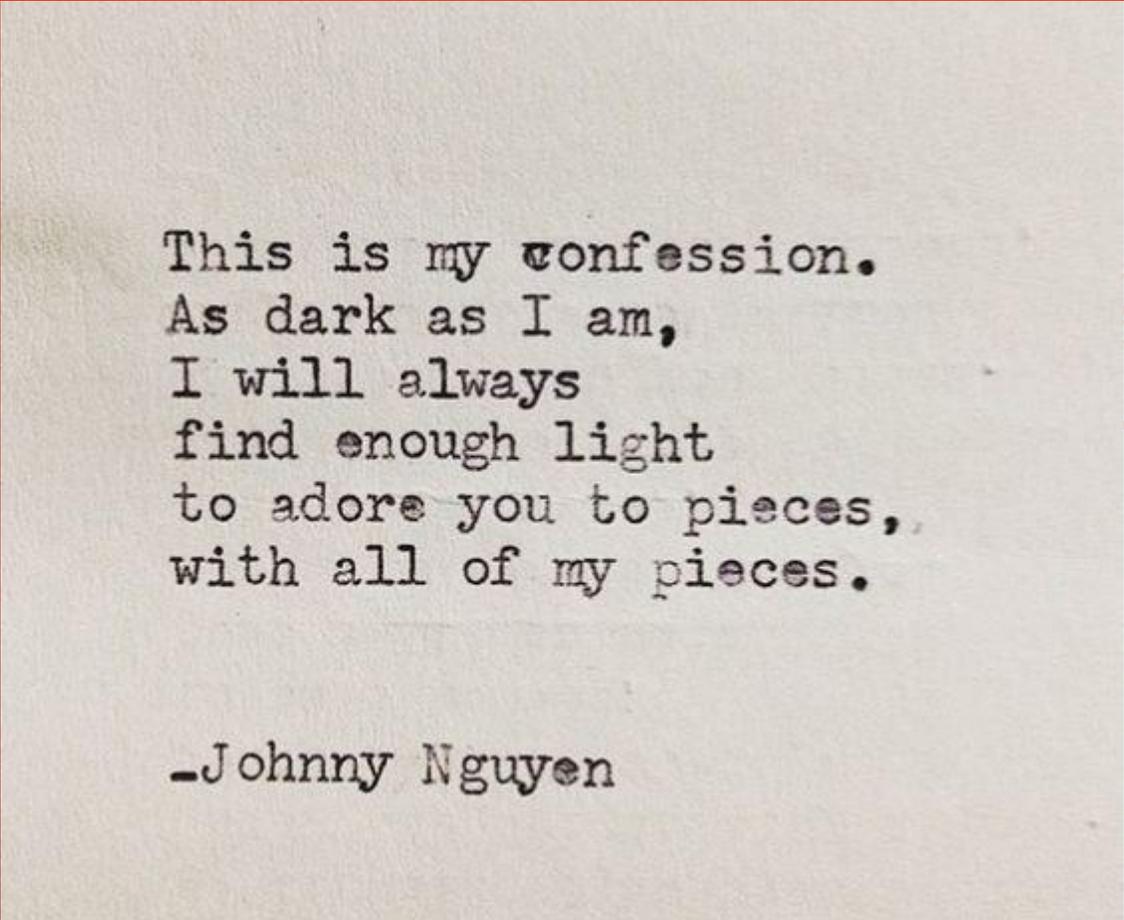
# POETRY REVIEW

9<sup>th</sup> Literature



# POETRY STYLE

- ▶ Written in stanzas and lines instead of paragraphs and sentences.
- ▶ Has rhyme and rhythm (most of the time)
- ▶ Always has a deeper meaning (topic v. theme)
- ▶ Figurative language used (similes, metaphors, symbolism, personification)

A photograph of a piece of white paper with a poem written in black ink. The text is centered and reads: "This is my confession. As dark as I am, I will always find enough light to adore you to pieces, with all of my pieces." Below the poem, the name "-Johnny Nguyen" is written.

This is my confession.  
As dark as I am,  
I will always  
find enough light  
to adore you to pieces,  
with all of my pieces.

-Johnny Nguyen

# Lines and Stanzas

- Most poems are written in lines.
- A group of lines in a poem is called a stanza.
- Stanzas separate ideas in a poem. They act like paragraphs.
- This poem has two stanzas.

## ***March***

*A blue day*

*A blue jay*

*And a good beginning.*

*One crow,*

*Melting snow –*

*Spring's winning!*

**By Eleanor Farjeon**

# RHYME SCHEME

- ▶ The pattern in which a poem rhymes
- ▶ Uses A, B, C, etc. format

## rhyme scheme example

Try to identify the rhyme scheme of this nursery rhyme:

Little Miss Muffet **A**  
Sat on a tuffet, **A**  
Eating her curds and whey; **B**  
Along came a spider, **C**  
Who sat down beside her **C**  
And frightened Miss Muffet away. **B**

- ▶ <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=k2ah9CtIaEs&list=PLIcS-v5MGVIAvHhrLksZ4W7I0GUqJ60oN&t=0s&index=23>
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RHYME SCHEME IN HIP HOP

- ▶ Free verse poetry breaks the rules! It does not rhyme.
- ▶ It does have rhythm.
- ▶ Look at this example of a free verse poem that doesn't rhyme, and pay attention to the rhythm:
  - ▶ <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1aqrTZhntW4&list=PLIcS-v5MGVIAvHhrLksZ4W7I0GUqJ60oN&index=2&t=6s>

## FREE VERSE POETRY

▶ Topic vs. Theme

▶ **Topic** = what the poem is LITERALLY about.

▶ **Theme** = the deeper meaning of the poem (usually a life lesson or insight about human nature).

POETRY'S DEEPER MEANING



What's the poet's Point of View on this?

a teacher writes.com

# Topic Meaning Theme

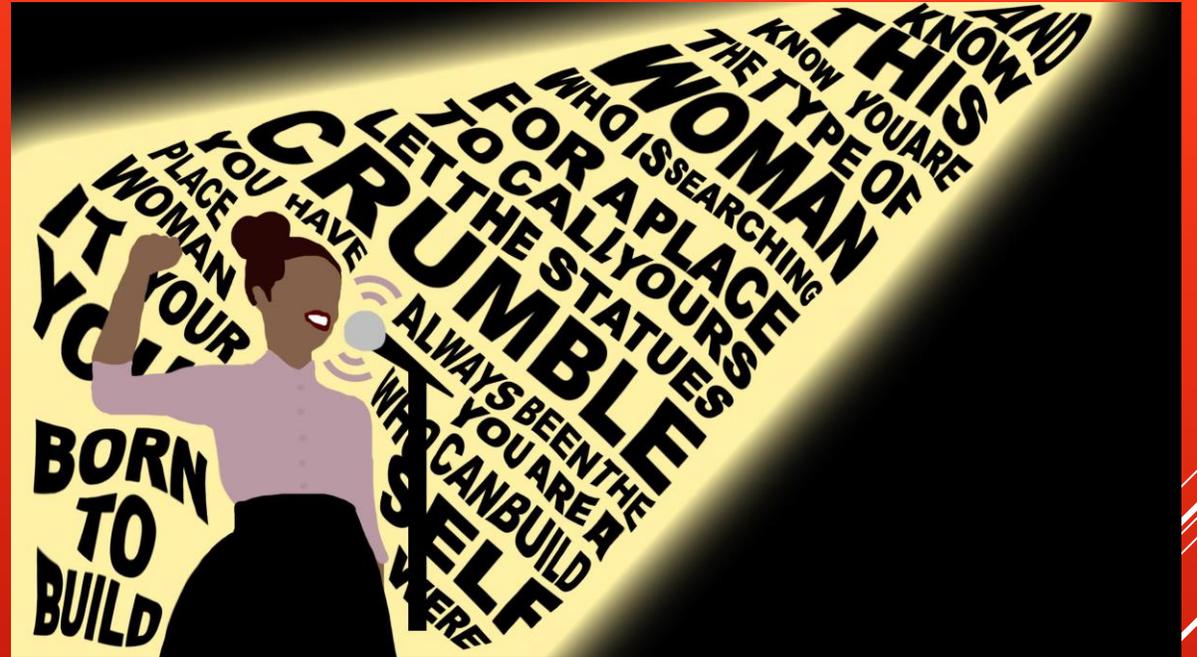
obvious  
literal, surface  
meaning

hidden, deeper  
metaphorical  
meaning



How and where  
is it hidden?

- ▶ Poetry uses a lot of symbolic and **figurative language**.
- ▶ There is ALWAYS a deeper meaning to poetry. This deeper meaning is the **theme**.



POETRY IS ARTISTIC AND CREATIVE

- ▶ Metaphor
- ▶ Simile
- ▶ Personification
- ▶ Hyperbole

# TYPES OF FIGURATIVE LANGUAGE COMMONLY USED IN POETRY

<p><b>Figurative Language</b> </p> <p>Words that mean something different than their literal meaning</p>	<p><b>PERSONIFICATION</b> </p> <p>Giving human qualities to a non-human item</p> <p><i>"I'm melting!"</i> <i>"It was supposed to be sunny!"</i></p>
<p><b>Simile</b> </p> <p>Comparing two things using "like" or "as"</p> <p><i>Fop as leaping</i></p>	<p><b>onomatopoeia</b> </p> <p>A sound written out as a word</p> <p><i>Bark! Woof! Bow-wow!</i></p>
<p><b>metaphor</b> </p> <p>Comparing two different things</p> <p><i>He is a pig</i></p>	<p><b>Idiom</b> </p> <p>A saying that has a different meaning than what it literally says</p> <p><i>The homework was a piece of cake!</i></p>
<p><b>alliteration</b> </p> <p>Same letter or sound occurring at the beginning of words</p> <p><i>She sells seashells</i></p>	<p><b>HYPERBOLE</b> </p> <p>A saying exaggerated beyond belief to make a point</p> <p><i>"I'm so hungry I could eat a horse!"</i></p>

HERE ARE SOME TERMS THAT YOU NEED TO KNOW...



- ▶ Compares two or more things without the words “like” or “as”
- ▶ EX) *Her eyes were the ocean.*
- ▶ EX) *Life is a box of chocolates, you never know what you’re going to get.*

## METAPHOR (REVIEW)



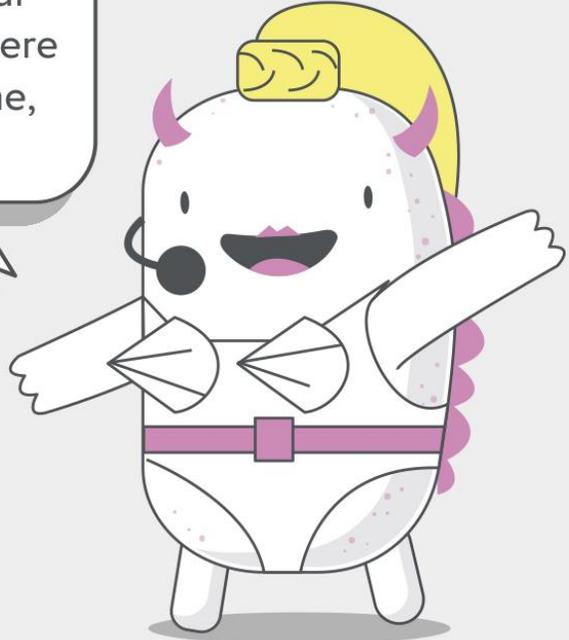
You ain't nothin' but  
a hound dog  
Cryin' all the time...

# METAPHOR

*Poetically calling  
things something else.*

 grammarly

- ▶ Compares two or more things WITH the words “like” or “as”
- ▶ EX) *I am as tall as a skyscraper.*
- ▶ EX) *She was like coffee on a Sunday morning.*



Just like a prayer, your voice can take me there  
Just like a muse to me, you are a mystery...

## SIMILE

*Poetically explaining how things are like other things*

 grammarly

# SIMILE (REVIEW)

# SIMILES

- Her heart is like gold.
- The world is like a stage.
- He eats like a pig.
- You are like a rock.
- Your eyes are like sunshine.
- Poor as dirt.

# METAPHORS

- Her heart is gold.
- The world is a stage.
- He is a pig.
- You are a rock.
- You are my sunshine.
- Sea of sand.

- ▶ When a non-human object is given human-like qualities
- ▶ EX) *The tree's branches reached out and gave me a warm hug.*
- ▶ EX) *Miss Lottie's marigolds smiled at me through the window.*



## PERSONIFICATION (REVIEW)

▶ An exaggeration of something; to make something seem more intense than it actually is.

▶ EX) *I'm so hungry that I could eat a cow.*

▶ EX) *If I have to do all of that homework I will literally die.*

# HYPERBOLE

**Hyperbole**

**Hyperbole:** deliberate exaggeration for emphasis or comedic effect

A broken pie with a speech bubble that says "Ouch! This pastie is hotter than the Sun!".

Ouch! This pastie is hotter than the Sun!

A boy sitting at a desk looking stressed, with a speech bubble that says "He makes Einstein look average."

He makes Einstein look average.

A cartoon thief running with a speech bubble that says "This guy has escaped more times than Houdini."

This guy has escaped more times than Houdini.

- ▶ Repetition of the first letter of a word in a sentence or line of a poem.
- ▶ EX) *Amanda ate apples all afternoon.*

# ALLITERATION

**The Terrible Tiger  
Tore the Towel.**



All About Alliterations

[GreetingCardPoet.com](http://GreetingCardPoet.com)

- ▶ A reference to something popular or well known in culture.
- ▶ EX) *It rained for thirty days and thirty nights (Biblical allusion).*
- ▶ EX) *He was a real Romeo with the ladies.*

# ALLUSION

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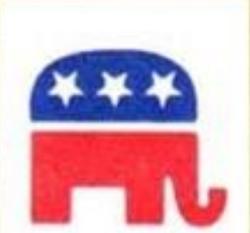
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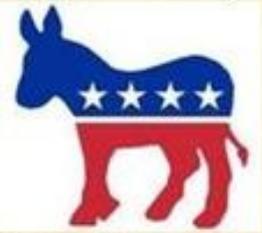
Example:

Romeo + Juliet

- ▶ When one object/image represents something deeper than what it actually is.
- ▶ EX) *Doves represent peace.*
- ▶ EX) *Roses represent love/romance.*

## SYMBOLISM

 Symbolism 

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