

Metaphor

Metaphor: A comparison between two unlike things that don't use "like" or "as"

Examples:

- Her hair was silk.
- This assignment is a breeze.
- The skies of his future began to darken.

Poems with metaphors:

Before reading the poem: This poem is from a play, called *The Tempest*, a play from William Shakespeare. In the play's first act, Prospero the magician causes a ship to crash on a deserted isle. The crew and passengers are scattered about the island, not knowing who has survived. As a young man named Ferdinand wanders about, Ariel the spirit follows him and sings into his ear. In the song, Ariel tells Ferdinand that his father has died in the wreck. Of course, this isn't true; it's just part of Prospero's grand scheme. The song that Ariel sings is the poem below.

Vocabulary:

doth: does

fade: disintegrate, dissolve

fathom: a unit of measurement equal to six feet.

knell: bell, gong

rich: ornate, intricate

sea-nymph: mermaid

suffer: undergo

thy: your

Full Fathom Five

Full fathom five thy father lies;
Of his bones are coral made;
Those are pearls that were his eyes:
Nothing of him that doth fade
But doth suffer a sea-change
Into something rich and strange.
Sea-nymphs hourly ring his knell:
Ding-dong.
Hark! now I hear them,--ding-dong, bell.

William Shakespeare



Quilt

Our family
is a quilt
of odd remnant
patched together
in a strange
pattern,
threads fraying
fabric wearing thin---
but made to keep
its warmth
even in bitter
cold

Janet S. Wong

