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Poetic Devices

Poetic Devices Quick Reference Guide

alliteration	Repetition of a consonant sound at the beginning of a word in a sequence of nearby words
allusion	A reference to a literary or historical person, place, or event, or to another literary work
apostrophe	A direct address to an absent person or abstract entity
assonance	Repetition of identical or similar vowels
consonance	Repetition of a sequence of two or more consonants, with a change in the intervening vowel
end-stopped	When the end of a sentence or clause coincides with the end of a line, creating a logical pause at its close
enjambment	When the rhythm or meaning of a line runs over to the next line
hyperbole	Use of exaggeration for effect
metaphor	An implied comparison between things that are essentially unlike
metonymy	When an object, place, or person is used to represent something with which it is closely associated
onomatopoeia	A word whose sound seems to resemble closely the sound it denotes
personification	When an inanimate object or concept is given human characteristics or feelings
refrain	A phrase, line, or lines repeated at intervals during a poem, especially at the close of stanzas
rhyme	The repetition of sounds at the end of words
simile	A comparison between two different things using "like" or "as"
symbol	A word or an image that signifies something other than itself.

