



Metaphor



A metaphor is a figure of speech that suggests or states a comparison between two unlike things, **without** using such words as *like* or *as*, like a simile does.

For example, "The cat's eyes were emeralds shining in the night."



“All the World’s a Stage” by William Shakespeare



All the world's a stage,
And all the men and women merely players;
They have their exits and their entrances
And one man in his time plays many parts,
His acts being seven ages.

He uses metaphors-

The world is a stage

Men and women are players (actors)

Different stages of life are acts of a play

Today's poetry challenge:



Write a metaphor poem (in any form you would like).

Use your words to compare two unlike things.


See if you can use figurative language in each line!

There's no length requirement, but since your poem has to be an extended metaphor, you're going to have to include at least a few lines to get the whole picture across to your reader.

Here are some examples of metaphor poems.



Life is an hour glass
running out of sand
You start by tipping
it over. As the sand runs
to the other side, you
try to figure out your
path. You never know when
the sand will run out. You just
know that it will. So when
it does will you be ready?



Campfire

Flames are horses
nickering
flickering
quickly over ash.

Sparks in dark
new horses gallop
manes and tails
aflash.

Riding night
so strong
so bright
they canter into coal.

Leaving
smoky cinders
leaving
hoof prints
on my soul.

Metaphor Example

The Night is a Big Black Cat

The Night is a big black cat

The moon is her topaz eye,
The stars are the mice she hunts at night,
In the field of the sultry sky.



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Fog

The fog comes
on little cat feet.

It sits looking
over harbor and city
on silent haunches
and then moves on.

-Carl Sandburg

And now for one of Mrs. Serkuras' all time favs!!



Time

BY PERCY BYSSHE SHELLEY

Unfathomable Sea! whose waves are years,
Ocean of Time, whose waters of deep woe
Are brackish with the salt of human tears!

Thou shoreless flood, which in thy ebb and flow
Claspest the limits of mortality!

And sick of prey, yet howling on for more,
Vomitest thy wrecks on its inhospitable shore;
Traucherous in calm, and terrible in storm,
Who shall put forth on thee,
Unfathomable Sea?



Time is
compared to the
stormy sea



Need some inspiration? Try following this template!



Line 1: Comparison using is or are

Line 2: A line to describe line 1

Line 3: Another description of line 1

Line 4: Comparison using is or are

Line 5: A line to describe line 4

Line 6: Another description of line 6

Beauty is a flower

Blooming after an April shower

Shimmering with unspoken power

Beauty is the rain

Dripping, dripping down the drain

Flowing fast down the lane