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English 1

Unit 4: Lesson 4: poetry

My favorite poetic device has to be the simile. I chose to study the simile because it really describes and elaborates on whatever you are talking about and makes it fun. The first poem I picked was "Heart! We Will Forget Him!" by Emily Dickinson. The second poem I chose was "Twinkle, Twinkle, Little Star" by Jane Taylor. The third and last poem I picked was "A Red, Red Rose" by Robert Burns. There are many examples of similes in all three of these poems.

Author Emily Dickinson was born December 10, 1830 in Amherst, Massachusetts. Emily inson left school as a teen and eventually lived a reclusive life on the family homestead and that is where she wrote all her poetry. Emily Dickinson died in 1886. Her poem "Heart! We Will Forget Him!" is about a person who is trying to forget about her lover, and the pains and depression they go through. The theme is that no matter how hard you try to forget a lover they always have a place in your heart, and it's hard to get rid of them. The author used simile quite a few times in her poem. One of the times she used simile was when she compared her nerves to an empty tomb."The nerves cit ceremonious, like tombs" Another example of when Emily used simile was when she compared her quartz contentment to a stone. "A quartz contentment, like a stone."

Author Jane Taylor, was born in London, 1783. She was a well know british poet. She collaborated with her sister and were some of the earliest known childrens poets. "Twinkle, Twinkle, Little Star" was a poem Jane Taylor wrote that was about a child wondering over the

twinkling stars that looked like diamonds. She uses simile once in this poem when the child compares the stars to diamonds. “Like a diamond in the sky.” She uses this simile to give better description of the stars and how they were shining.

Author Robert Burns was born 1759, in Alloway, Scotland. Burns was well know for his rebellion towards the orthadox church and morality. He wrote a lot of poems when he was going through hardships with his family. The poem “A Red, Red Rose” by Robert Burns is about an intense love that he feels for another. The main theme of the poem is that love is everlasting and can not disappear. Robert Burns uses simile a few times to compare his love. “O my luve’s like a red, red rose.” “O my luve’s like a melodie that’s sweetly play’d in tune.” Those are two examples of simile that Robert Burns used in the poem to explain what his love was like.

Each author did a great job of including simile to make the poem more interesting and easier to understand. All of the authors used simile to compare something to another thing. It is important that they used simile because it made the poems easier to understand and gave much more detail about the subject they wrote about.

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Poems

# A Red, Red Rose

BY ROBERT BURNS

O my Luve is like a red, red rose

That's newly sprung in June;

O my Luve is like the melody

That's sweetly played in tune.

So fair art thou, my bonnie lass,

So deep in luve am I;

And I will luve thee still, my dear,

Till a' the seas gang dry.

Till a' the seas gang dry, my dear,

And the rocks melt wi' the sun;

I will love thee still, my dear,

While the sands o' life shall run.

And fare thee weel, my only luve!

And fare thee weel awhile!

And I will come again, my luve,

Though it were ten thousand mile.

# Twinkle, Twinkle, Little Star

BY JANE TAYLOR

Twinkle, twinkle, little star,

How I wonder what you are!

Up above the world so high,

Like a diamond in the sky.

When the blazing sun is gone,

When he nothing shines upon,

Then you show your little light,

Twinkle, twinkle, all the night.

Then the traveler in the dark

Thanks you for your tiny spark,

How could he see where to go,

If you did not twinkle so?

In the dark blue sky you keep,

Often through my curtains peep

For you never shut your eye,

Till the sun is in the sky.



As your bright and tiny spark

Lights the traveler in the dark,

Though I know not what you are,

Twinkle, twinkle, little star.

Heart, we will forget him!

Heart, we will forget him!

You and I, tonight!

You may forget the warmth he gave,

I will forget the light.

When you have done, pray tell me

That I my thoughts may dim;

Haste! lest while you're lagging.

I may remember him!