



POETRY

# Definitions:

- **Poetry:** Literature that uses rhythm, rhyme, sound or structure to express something in an artistic way. Provokes strong emotions/images.
  - *Organization includes lines and stanzas*
- **Prose:** Literature that is NOT poetry. EX: Essays, short stories, novels plays
  - *Organization includes sentences and paragraphs*
- **Figurative Language:** Language used for descriptive effect, often to imply ideas indirectly.
- **Metaphor:** A comparison of two unlike things by saying that one thing is a dissimilar object or thing
  - *EX: The snow was a blanket that covered the entire field*
- **Simile:** A comparison of two unlike things using like or as.
  - *EX: His words were like surgery, they cut, but also made me feel better.*
- **Hyperbole:** An exaggeration that cannot possibly be true and is not meant to be taken literally.
  - *EX: When Albert argued with his sister it was like a million paper cuts.*
- **Personification:** Giving Human characteristics to nonhuman things.
  - *EX: The distant lights called to me guiding me home.*