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Poetic Terms that Make Lyrics Awesome

Definitions and Examples

I provided the definitions - you provide 2-3 examples for each!

alliteration: the occurrence of the same letter or sound at the beginning of adjacent or closely connected words.

assonance: in poetry, the repetition of the sound of a vowel or diphthong in nonrhyming stressed syllables near enough to each other for the echo to be discernible (e.g., *penitence, reticence*).

metaphor: a figure of speech in which a word or phrase is applied to an object or action to which it is not literally applicable: "*I had fallen through a trapdoor of depression,*" said Mark, who was fond of theatrical metaphors

onomatopoeia: the formation of a word from a sound associated with what is named (e.g., *cuckoo*, *sizzle*).

personification: the attribution of a personal nature or human characteristics to something nonhuman, or the representation of an abstract quality in human form.

rhyme: correspondence of sound between words or the endings of words, esp. when these are used at the ends of lines of poetry.

simile: a figure of speech involving the comparison of one thing with another thing of a different kind, used to make a description more emphatic or vivid (e.g., *as brave as a lion*, *crazy like a fox*).