

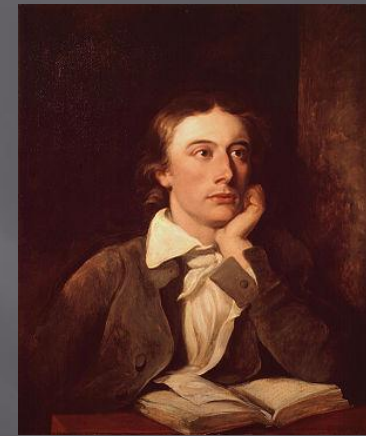
# POETRY



Emily Dickinson



Robert Frost



John Keats

# Poetry Terms

- ▣ **Literal Language-** language that follows the words very closely when reading a text. In other words no hidden meaning. “It means exactly what it says.”
- ▣ **Figurative Language-** Language that is represented by a means of a figure. In other words, it does not mean exactly what it says.

# Figurative Language

- ▣ **Metaphor** is a figure of speech in which a term or phrase is compared to something else to describe it. For example: That was the bomb!
- ▣ **Simile** is a figure of speech in which two or more things are compared with “like” or “as” For example: She is as skinny as a tooth pick.

# Metaphors

- ▣ **Extended Metaphor** is a metaphor introduced and then further developed throughout all or part of a literary work, especially a poem: Robert Frost uses two roads as an extended metaphor in “The Road Not Taken.”
- ▣ **Examples: love, nature, power, ect.**

# Figurative Language

- ▣ **Metonymy** a figure of speech that consists of the use of the name of one object or concept for that of another to which it is related, or of which it is a part, as “scepter” for “sovereignty,” or “the bottle” for “strong drink,” or “count heads (or noses)” for “count people.”
- ▣ In other words, it is an association we make due to our experience and societies’ expectations. Example: white is associated with weddings and purity.

# Robert Frost

## ▣ **Nothing Gold Can Stay**

- ▣ Nature's first green is gold,  
Her hardest hue to hold.  
Her early leaf's a flower;  
But only so an hour.  
Then leaf subsides to leaf,  
So Eden sank to grief,  
So dawn goes down to day  
Nothing gold can stay.

# Robert Frost

- ▣ “Stopping by Woods on a Snowy Evening”

- ▣ Whose woods these are I think I know.  
His house is in the village, though;  
He will not see me stopping here  
To watch his woods fill up with snow.

My little horse must think it queer  
To stop without a farmhouse near  
Between the woods and frozen lake  
The darkest evening of the year.

He gives his harness bells a shake  
To ask if there is some mistake.  
The only other sound's the sweep  
Of easy wind and downy flake.

The woods are lovely, dark, and deep,  
But I have promises to keep,  
And miles to go before I sleep,  
And miles to go before I sleep.



# Examples

- <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4ulaGjwiIbo> “Love You Like a Love Song” Selena Gomez
- [http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=roPQ\\_M3yJTA](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=roPQ_M3yJTA) “I’m Like a Bird” Nelly Furtado
- <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=79fzeNUqQbQ> “Like a Prayer” Madonna



# Examples

- ▣ "A man may break a word with you, sir, and words are but wind."  
(William Shakespeare, *The Comedy of Errors*)
- ▣ "Language is a road map of a culture. It tells you where its people come from and where they are going."  
(Rita Mae Brown)
- ▣ "Memory is a crazy woman that hoards colored rags and throws away food."  
(Austin O'Malley, *Keystones of Thought*)
- ▣ "I can mingle with the stars, and throw a party on Mars;  
I am a prisoner locked up behind Xanax bars."  
(Lil Wayne, "I Feel Like Dying")