

23. **Simile**

Definition: A figure of speech that compares two unlike things using the words "like" or "as." It highlights a specific similarity between the two things, making the description more vivid and understandable.

Examples:

1. He is as strong as an ox.
2. Her voice was like music to his ears.
3. The clouds looked like fluffy cotton balls.

Literary Examples:

From "A Red, Red Rose" by Robert Burns:

"O my Luve's like a red, red rose

That's newly sprung in June;

(The beloved is compared to a rose and a melody using "like.")

From "The Odyssey" by Homer (translated by Robert Fagles):

"Then he went to bed, a long sleep, like death itself,

and woke to a morning of mist and rain."

(Sleep is compared to death using "like" to emphasize its profound and deep nature.)

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