

What is poetry?

Poetry is important... It reaches inside people and heals their wounds like nothing else can. It is an escape from reality and a method of coping with reality. It's a certain feeling inside.

*What is poetry? you say
As you fix my eyes with yours of blue.
What is poetry! You ask me that?
Poetry... It is you!*

Poetic devices

IMAGERY	Figurative language used to create particular mental images.
SIMILE	A comparison between unlike things using "like", "as", or "as though" .: <i>cheeks like roses</i>
METAPHOR	An association of two completely different objects as being the same thing. <i>Bill Gates is drowning in money. She has a special place in his heart. A blanket of snow fell through the night. They are on the road to peace. My father is a bear.</i>
METER	Lines made up of five iambs (two-syllable feet) are called iambic pentameters . They contain ten syllables and five stresses. <div style="text-align: center;"> U - U - U - U - U - <i>Be what you can if thus your heart so deem, For more the man will less the foible seem.</i> </div>
RHYME	Repetition of similar (same) vowel or consonant sounds in two or more words. The opening stanza of Wordsworth's "I Wandered Lonely as a Cloud," with end rhymes of the words, <i>cloud-hills-crowd-daffodils-trees-breeze</i> , is described as having a rhyme scheme of ababcc ; <i>pair rhyme:</i> aabb <i>cross rhyme:</i> abab <i>Schweifreim</i> abba <i>eye rhyme</i> love / move <i>Binnenreim</i> innerhalb eines Verses
OXYMORON	A seeming contradiction in two words put together. <i>cruel kindness; beautiful death; jumbo shrimp; real imitation leather</i>
TONE, MOOD	Feelings or meanings expressed (conveyed) in the poem.

Useful links:

<http://www.poetrymagic.co.uk/whatispoetry.html>

<http://www.mca.k12.nf.ca/subpro4.htm>

<http://www.poets.org/>

<http://www.rhymezone.com/>