

# 100 Simile Examples in Literature

- "It is the east, and Juliet is the sun." – William Shakespeare, "Romeo and Juliet"
- "My love is like a red, red rose." – Robert Burns
- "The world is like a large book, and those who don't travel read only a page." – Saint Augustine
- "The night was as dark as ink." – Victor Hugo, "Les Misérables"
- "The news hit me like a freight train." – Sylvia Plath
- "His words felt like a dagger to the heart." – Homer, "The Iliad"
- "The soldiers were as brave as lions." – Ernest Hemingway
- "Her singing voice was as thin as a reed." – Charles Dickens
- "Hope is the thing with feathers." – Emily Dickinson
- "Life is like a box of chocolates, you never know what you're gonna get." – Forrest Gump (though a film, this line has literary origins)
- "Her laughter was like the tinkling of bells." – F. Scott Fitzgerald
- "His voice was as smooth as silk." – Jane Austen
- "Memory is like a diary that we carry about with us." – Oscar Wilde
- "The water made a sound like kittens lapping." – T.S. Eliot
- "Our soldiers are as brave as wolves." – George Orwell
- "His fingers danced across the piano keys like a ballerina on stage." – Leo Tolstoy
- "Her lips were red as cherries." – Charlotte Brontë
- "Time, which sees all things, has found you out." – Sophocles
- "She was as white as a lily and as radiant as the sun." – C.S. Lewis
- "The world was as fresh as the morning dew." – Henry David Thoreau

- "Your words are like a lamp to my feet." – Psalms
- "Her teeth were white as pearls." – Mark Twain
- "The trees danced like flames." – Virginia Woolf
- "His temper was as explosive as a volcano." – Sir Arthur Conan Doyle
- "His smile was like lightning in the darkness, blinding and beautiful and mysterious." – Sarah J. Maas
- "She walked through the room as gracefully as a swan." – Louisa May Alcott
- "Eyes shining like stars in the night." – Edgar Allan Poe
- "Love is like a shadow, when you chase it, it runs away." – Neil Gaiman
- "He was as solitary as an oyster." – Charles Dickens
- "Their talk was like the drone of bees." – James Joyce
- "The music was as sweet as honey." – Rudyard Kipling
- "Their faces looked as if snails had slimed on them." – John Steinbeck
- "His thoughts tumbled in his head, making and breaking alliances like underpants in a dryer without Cling Free." – Douglas Adams
- "Her hair was as golden as the sun." – Hans Christian Andersen
- "He ran like the wind." – Homer
- "She felt as if a mist had settled over her memory." – Margaret Atwood
- "His gaze was as cold as ice." – Mary Shelley
- "The lake was as smooth as glass." – Lewis Carroll
- "Her cheeks were as rosy as the first blush of dawn." – Jane Austen
- "She is pure, like the snow; there is no one like her." – Leo Tolstoy
- "His words hung in the air like a thick fog." – Stephen King
- "His face was as clear as the blue sky." – George Eliot
- "He is as cunning as a fox." – Aesop's Fables
- "Her words were like a soft whisper in the wind." – Marcel Proust
- "She sings like an angel." – J.R.R. Tolkien
- "The streets were as still as a photograph." – J.D. Salinger
- "The grass was as green as emeralds." – L. Frank Baum
- "Life is like a dream." – Haruki Murakami
- "The stars were like diamonds, glittering in the night sky." – Ernest Hemingway

- "Their relationship was like oil and water, never mixing well." – Chinua Achebe
- "Her voice was as sweet as a nightingale's." – John Keats
- "His surprise was like someone had thrown a bucket of cold water on him." – Kazuo Ishiguro
- "Their home felt as cozy as a nest." – Daphne du Maurier
- "His guilt weighed on him like a hundred-pound anchor." – Franz Kafka
- "She moved through the dance floor like a breeze through summer trees." – Gabriel García Márquez
- "His anger burned like a roaring wildfire." – Dante Alighieri
- "Her eyes sparkled like the stars in a clear night sky." – William Wordsworth
- "Their love was like a river, steady and constant." – Paulo Coelho
- "He spoke as fluently as the rain falling from the sky." – William Faulkner
- "Her beauty shone like a beacon in the darkest night." – E.M. Forster
- "She was as unpredictable as a storm." – Agatha Christie
- "His resolve was as unbreakable as diamond." – H.G. Wells
- "The waiting felt as long as an eternity." – James Baldwin
- "The mood was as tense as a tightened bowstring." – Sir Walter Scott
- "The moon shone down as bright as day." – Emily Brontë
- "His touch was as cold as death." – Bram Stoker
- "She felt as light as a feather." – Virginia Woolf
- "Her heart felt as if it would burst with happiness." – Philip Pullman
- "The room was silent as a tomb." – Mark Twain
- "The car roared down the road like a lion chasing its prey." – F. Scott Fitzgerald
- "His eyes were as deep as the ocean." – Herman Melville
- "She danced like a leaf on the wind." – Isabel Allende
- "Their bond was as strong as iron." – Khaled Hosseini
- "Her spirit was as wild as the west wind." – Shel Silverstein
- "His emotions swirled like a tempest in a teapot." – Toni Morrison
- "The news spread like wildfire." – Jane Austen
- "The morning sun was as bright as a spotlight." – Ayn Rand
- "She felt as free as a bird." – Harper Lee

- "His mind was as sharp as a tack." – George Bernard Shaw
- "Their love was as deep and vast as the sea." – Pablo Neruda
- "The cold was as biting as a serpent's fangs." – J.K. Rowling
- "He looked around, as lost as a child in a carnival." – Joseph Conrad
- "The city was as busy as an anthill." – Aldous Huxley
- "His voice trembled like an autumn leaf about to fall." – Gustave Flaubert
- "The field was as empty as a blank canvas." – Willa Cather
- "She felt as insignificant as a speck of dust." – Charles Dickens
- "His hope was as thin as a thread." – Sophocles
- "The house stood as quiet as a mausoleum." – Edith Wharton
- "His strength was like that of ten men." – Rudyard Kipling
- "The town was as dead as a doornail." – Ray Bradbury
- "Her voice was as smooth as honey." – Zora Neale Hurston
- "The garden bloomed like a rainbow." – Beatrix Potter
- "She felt as though she had the weight of the world on her shoulders." – Sylvia Plath
- "His skin was as rough as sandpaper." – Ernest Hemingway
- "Their joy spread like sunlight through the trees." – T.S. Eliot
- "The mystery was as dense as fog." – Agatha Christie
- "The cake was as soft as a cloud." – Roald Dahl
- "The road twisted like a snake." – Jack London
- "His lies spread as easily as butter." – Charlotte Brontë
- "She felt as radiant as the morning sun." – Maya Angelou