

Metaphor Poems for 6th Grade

1. "The Road Not Taken" by Robert Frost

Metaphors:

- **"Two roads diverged in a yellow wood" - Opening Line:** This metaphor symbolizes life's choices. The 'roads' represent different paths or decisions, and the 'yellow wood' suggests that these decisions are made during a significant or changing period in life.
- **"And sorry I could not travel both" - Line 2:** Here, the road is a metaphor for life's mutually exclusive choices, highlighting the impossibility of experiencing every opportunity life offers.
- **"I took the one less traveled by" - Penultimate Line:** This metaphor suggests choosing a less conventional or less popular path in life, symbolizing individuality and the courage to make unique choices.

2. "Hope is the Thing with Feathers" by Emily Dickinson

Metaphors:

- **"Hope is the thing with feathers" - Opening Line:** The metaphor compares hope to a bird, suggesting that hope is uplifting and can take flight in the spirit, much like a bird in the sky.
- **"That perches in the soul" - Line 2:** Here, hope is metaphorically perched within the soul, suggesting a constant presence and a source of comfort.

- **"And never stops at all" - Line 4:** This metaphor implies the enduring and ever-present nature of hope, which, like a bird's song, is continuous and unwavering.

3. "The Fog" by Carl Sandburg

Metaphors:

- **"The fog comes on little cat feet." - Opening Line:** This metaphor compares the fog to a cat, suggesting its silent, gentle, and stealthy approach.
- **"It sits looking over harbor and city" - Line 2:** The fog is personified as a sentient being, observing its surroundings, implying a quiet dominance over the landscape.
- **"And then moves on" - Last Line:** This metaphor portrays the fog as transient and elusive, akin to a wandering creature, emphasizing the fleeting nature of natural phenomena.

4. "Mother to Son" by Langston Hughes

Metaphors:

- **"Life for me ain't no crystal stair" - Opening Line:** This metaphor compares life to a staircase, suggesting that the mother's journey hasn't been easy or luxurious, much like a rough and challenging path.
- **"It's had tacks in it, And splinters" - Lines 3-4:** The tacks and splinters are metaphors for the obstacles and pains encountered in life.
- **"And places with no carpet on the floor—Bare." - Lines 5-6:** This metaphor suggests vulnerability and hardship, indicating parts of life where there is no comfort or ease.

5. "Daffodils" by William Wordsworth

Metaphors:

- **"A host of golden daffodils" - Line 4:** The daffodils are metaphorically described as a lively crowd or gathering, emphasizing their abundance and vibrancy.
- **"Fluttering and dancing in the breeze" - Line 6:** This metaphor gives the flowers human characteristics, suggesting joy and liveliness.
- **"They stretched in a never-ending line" - Line 9:** The unending line of daffodils is a metaphor for infinite beauty and the boundless wonders of nature.

6. "Mirror" by Sylvia Plath

Metaphors:

- **"I am silver and exact. I have no preconceptions." - Line 1:** The mirror is given human qualities, metaphorically representing truth and objectivity.
- **"Whatever I see, I swallow immediately" - Line 2:** This metaphor suggests the mirror's ability to absorb and reflect exactly what is before it, symbolizing honesty and directness.
- **"In me, she has drowned a young girl, and in me, an old woman" - Lines 17-18:** The mirror metaphorically reflects the passage of time, showing the transformation from youth to old age.