

Adam's Curse Literary Device

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Figures of Speech:

- **Metaphor:** Writing poetry is compared to hard physical work, like scrubbing floors or breaking stones. This shows how difficult writing can be.
- **Simile:** The moon is compared to a worn-out shell using the word "as if." This shows how tired and old the moon looks.
- **Personification:** The moon is described as being "worn," like a person who is tired. This gives the moon human feelings.
- **Irony:** Poets work hard, but people think they are lazy. This is the opposite of what is true, which makes it ironic.

Symbols:

- **The Moon:** The moon is a symbol of tiredness and emptiness. It shows how the speaker feels love has become worn out over time.
- **Stitching and Unstitching:** This symbolizes the hard work and effort needed to write poetry, even though people might not see it.
- **The Hollow Moon:** It symbolizes how love was once full and meaningful. It has now become empty and lifeless for the speaker.

Literary Terms:

- **Allusion:** Refers to "Adam's Curse," which means that since Adam's time, people must work hard for everything.

Moral lesson:

- All beautiful things, like love and art, need hard work and effort.