

Ode: Intimations of Immortality Literary Devices

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Literary Terms

- **Ode:** An Ode is a long lyrical poem that starts with someone's agony or praise and ends with consolation.

Figures of Speech

- **Imagery:** Descriptive language that appeals to the senses. Example: "There was a time when meadow, grove, and stream..." Creates vivid pictures of nature and childhood memories.
- **Metaphor:** A direct comparison between two things without using like or as. Example: "The glory and the dream" Refers to the beauty and purity of childhood as something divine.
- **Simile:** A comparison using like or as. Example: "Like a glory from the sky" Compares a child's soul or presence to something heavenly.
- **Personification:** Giving human qualities to non-human things. Example: "The earth fills her lap with pleasures of her own". Nature is described as a nurturing, caring figure.
- **Symbolism/ Symbols:** Use of symbols to represent ideas or qualities. Example: Rainbow, rose, child, light. All symbolize purity, transience, beauty, and divinity of childhood.
- **Rainbow:** Symbol of Beauty and joy of childhood — something magical but short-lived.
- **Rose:** Symbol of Fragile beauty — like childhood, it fades quickly.
- **Child:** Symbol of Purity, innocence, and closeness to the divine.
- **Light/Glory:** Symbol of Spiritual connection and divine truth we are born with, but forget as we grow.
- **Nature (meadow, grove, stream):** Symbol of the natural world that reflects the wonder and freshness of a child's view.