

"Ode on Melancholy" Literary Device

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Literary Terms

- **Ode** → The poem is a type of ode, which means it is a serious, thoughtful poem about a deep subject.

Figures of Speech:

- **Imagery** → Words that help us see pictures in our mind. Example: "deep, deep upon her peerless eyes" – we can imagine her eyes.
- **Personification** → When feelings or things act like people. Example: Sadness (Melancholy) is shown as a woman.
- **Allusion** → A small hint to something from old stories or history. Example: "Lethe" is from a Greek myth—it's a river that makes people forget.
- **Metaphor** → Saying one thing is something else (without "like" or "as"). Example: Joy is shown as someone who always says goodbye.
- **Symbols** → Using objects or images to represent bigger ideas.
- **Lethe** → Symbol of forgetting or escape from pain.
- **Wolf's-bane, Nightshade, and Poisonous Plants** → Symbol of death and self-destruction.
- **Weeping Cloud** → Symbol of nature's sadness.
- **Rainbow and Flowers (peonies)** → Symbol of beauty and how short it lasts.
- **Beauty, Joy, and Melancholy (as women)** → These feelings are shown like real people.
- **Temple of Delight** → Symbol of deep happiness or pleasure.