

Oenone Literary Device

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Figures of Speech

- **Personification:** Tennyson gives human-like qualities to the mountain to show how deeply connected Oenone feels with nature. For example: "Dear mother Ida, hearken ere I die."
- **Imagery:** Imagery means using words to create pictures in the reader's mind. In Oenone, Tennyson paints a picture of a mountain full of flowing fountains and streams. For example: "Dear mother Ida, many-fountain'd Ida..."
- **Symbols**
 - **Mount Ida:** Symbolizes innocence, peace, and the natural world, which Oenone has lost after Paris left her.
 - **Paris:** Represents betrayal, temptation, and the painful consequences of desire.
 - **Helen:** Symbolizes beauty that causes destruction.
 - **Fire Imagery:** The inner fire that Oenone feels symbolizes intense pain, passion, and emotional destruction.
 - **The Child in the Womb (Imagined):** Symbolizes fear of repeating the past and Oenone's wish to prevent future suffering caused by love and betrayal.

Main Message:

"Golden love turned into ashes."