

Spring and Fall Literary Device

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Figures of Speech

- **Alliteration:** Hopkins repeats consonant sounds to make the poem musical and rhythmic. Example: "heart hears," "ghost guessed" — the repeated 'h' and 'g' sounds create a soft, flowing effect. This matches the gentle sadness of the poem.
- **Imagery:** Hopkins uses vivid words to help us picture and feel the scene. Example: "Goldengrove unleaving" — we can clearly see the colorful leaves falling from the trees. This image makes us feel the loss and change in nature, which reflects the child's sorrow.
- **Personification:** Hopkins gives human feelings to nature. Example: "the blight man was born for" — here, "blight" (a disease or decay) is like a cruel fate that humans must face. This shows death as an active force affecting all living things.
- **Symbols**
 - **Margaret (The Child):** Symbolizes innocence, youth, and the beginning of awareness.
 - **Falling Leaves:** Symbolize the cycle of life and death.
 - **Autumn (The Season):** Symbolizes change, decline, and the passing of time.
 - **Nature:** Symbolizes the world's constant change and life's impermanence.
 - **The Child's Tears:** Symbolize the first experience of grief and the awakening of human emotion.

Main Message:

Life changes all the time.