

Poetic Devices Examples – Songs

Traitor - Olivia Rodrigo

[Lyrics](#)

Assonance, Consonance, Alliteration, all the sonic repetition that makes the song move even at a slower pace.

My Tears Ricochet – Taylor Swift

[Lyrics](#)

Excellent use of concrete language to ground the listener while also using extended metaphor and figurative language to reimagine the feelings of the moment.

Alphabets – GZA

[Lyrics](#)

Good illustration of similes and metaphors particularly at the end of the second verse.

Pain – De La Soul

[Lyrics](#)

A great example of taking a subject that isn't inherently happy and putting it to a positive beat.

Can I Kick it – A Tribe Called Quest

[Lyrics](#)

Like GZA, Tribe Called Quest effectively uses a large vocabulary to get their point across and because of this makes for some very interesting rhymes and slant rhymes.

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Stereo Hearts – Gym Class Heroes

[Lyrics](#)

The entire premise is based on the anthropomorphism of the stereo, something that persists throughout the song.

Battle Scars – Guy Sebastian, Lupe Fiasco

[Lyrics](#)

Very intricate assonance and consonance littered throughout the first verse. Also a few good example of oxymorons used effectively.

Tiny Garden- Jamilya Woods

[Lyrics](#)

The extended metaphor of relationships as “tiny gardens” that you need to water everyday is a simple but straight forward example that is easily digestible.

Love Yourself- Justin Bieber

[Lyrics](#)

Good use of repetition and assonance to continually move the song forward even while staying with a similar message.

Poetic Devices Examples – Slam Poetry

Almosts- Bianca Phipps

This poem showcases the power of words and how we choose them. It explores the way in which we communicate.

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It Was The Winter...- Hieu Minh Nguyen

The strength of this poem comes from the imagery used to paint the picture of the surroundings in this poem. The poet paints a dreary scene with the words choice that echoes the text of the poem.

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Shake the Dust - Anis Mojgani

This poem, a list poem so to speak, gathers several different unrelated items and people and brings them together with one simple refrain.

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Teenage Girls - Clementine von Radics

This poem tells the story of modern struggles through the lens of historical figures. These small biographical stanzas seamlessly intertwine into the overarching narrative.

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