

**PRACTICING
POETIC DEVICES**

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TAKE NOTE

Use the handout on the next slide to take notes during the Poetry Terms presentation.

Your notes will help you when you have to find examples of the devices in song lyrics.

Practicing Poetic Devices - Terms & Definitions

Term/Device	Definition	Example of How it is Used in Poetry
1. simile		
2. metaphor		
3. personification		
4. alliteration		
5. assonance		
6. onomatopoeia		
7. rhyme: true/pure rhyme		
8. rhyme: internal rhyme		
9. rhyme: near/half/ impure rhyme		
10. rhyme: eye rhyme		
11. hyperbole		
12. irony/paradox	Irony: Paradox:	

POETIC DEVICES IN SONG LYRICS

**STUDENTS: FIND POETIC DEVICES IN THE
FOLLOWING SONGS**

For What It's Worth: Buffalo Springfield

Find: True Rhyme, Alliteration, & Personification

There's something happening here
What it is ain't exactly clear
There's a man with a gun over there
Telling me I got to beware
I think it's time we stop, children, what's that
sound
Everybody look what's going down
There's battle lines being drawn
Nobody's right if everybody's wrong
Young people speaking their minds
Getting so much resistance from behind
I think it's time we stop, hey, what's that sound
Everybody look what's going down
What a field-day for the heat
A thousand people in the street
Singing songs and carrying signs
Mostly say, hooray for our side

It's time we stop, hey, what's that sound
Everybody look what's going down
Paranoia strikes deep
Into your life it will creep
It starts when you're always afraid
You step out of line, the man come and
take you away
We better stop, hey, what's that sound
Everybody look what's going down
Stop, hey, what's that sound
Everybody look what's going down
Stop, now, what's that sound
Everybody look what's going down
Stop, children, what's that sound
Everybody look what's going down

Boston: Augustana

Find: Internal Rhyme, Personification, & Alliteration

**In the light of the sun
Is there anyone? Oh, it has begun
Oh dear, you look so lost
Your eyes are red, the tears are shed
This world you must have crossed, you said**

**You don't know me
And you don't even care, oh yeah
And you said, you don't know me
And you don't wear my chains, oh yeah**

**Essential yet appealed
You carry all your thoughts across an open field
Where flowers gaze at you
They're not the only ones who cry when they see you**

**You said you don't know me
And you don't even care, oh yeah
Well you said you don't know me
And you don't wear my chains, oh yeah**

**She said I think I'll go to Boston
I think I'll start a new life
I think I'll start it over
Where no one knows my name**

**I'll get out of California
I'm tired of the weather
I think I'll get a lover
And fly 'em out to Spain**

**Oh yeah and I think I'll go to Boston
I think that I was tired
I think I need a new town
To leave this all behind**

**I think I need a sunrise
I'm tired of Sunset
I hear it's nice in the summer
Some snow would be nice, oh yeah**

**You don't know me
And you don't even care, oh yeah**

**Boston, where no one knows my name
Where no one knows my name
Where no one knows my name, yeah**

Boston, where no one knows my name

Cowboy Casanova: Carrie Underwood

Songwriters: Elizondo, Michael A Jr; James, Brett; Underwood, Carrie

Find: Simile, Hyperbole, Metaphor, True Rhyme

You better take it from me
That boy is like a disease
You run and you try and you're tryin' to hide
And you're wondering why you can't get free

He's like a curse, he's like a drug
You'll get addicted to his love
You wanna get out, but he's holdin' you down
'Cause you can't live without one more touch

He's a, a good time, cowboy Casanova
Leaning up against the record machine
He looks like a cool drink of water
But he's candy-coated misery

He's the devil in disguise, a snake with blue eyes
And he only comes out at night
Gives you feelings that you don't want to fight
You better run for your life

I see that look on your face
You ain't hearing what I say
So I'll say it again, 'cause I been where you been
And I know how it ends, you can't get away
Don't even look in his eyes
He'll tell you nothing but lies
And you wanna believe but you won't be deceived
If you listen to me and take my advice

He's a, a good time, cowboy Casanova
Leaning up against the record machine
He looks like a cool drink of water
But he's candy-coated misery

He's the devil in disguise, a snake with blue eyes
And he only comes out at night
Gives you feelings that you don't want to fight
You better run for your life

Run run away, don't let him mess with your mind
He'll tell you anything you wanna hear
He'll break your heart, it's just a matter of time
But just remember

He's a, a good time, cowboy Casanova
Leaning up against the record machine
He looks like a cool drink of water
But he's candy-coated misery

He's the devil in disguise, a snake with blue eyes
And he only comes out at night
Gives you feelings that you don't want to fight
You better run for your life

Oh, you better run for your life
Oh, you better run for your life

For More Practice:

Choose your own song and make a presentation for the class.

Find at least FIVE different poetry devices in the lyrics.