

## Poetic Figures

### The Omission of Certain Words

- **Ellipsis:** omission of words necessary in grammar
- **Asyndeton:** omission of conjunctions
- **Aposiopesis:** breaking off before the end of a sentence

### Excessive Words

- **Hyperbole:** exaggeration and overstatement
- **Polysyndeton:** the use of extra conjunctions
- **Apostrophe:** addressing a person or object that is absent or far off

### Analogies and Comparisons

- **Simile:** the explicit comparison of two things (“like,” “as”)
- **Metaphor:** the implicit comparison of two things
- **Personification:** endowing a non-human thing with human qualities

### Incomplete Truths

- **Irony:** a statement which implies the opposite of what it says
- **Oxymoron:** juxtaposed opposites
- **Euphemism:** a nice way of referring to something unpleasant
- **Synecdoche:** using a part of something to represent the whole