**Extended Metaphor and Simile**

* **A metaphor is a comparison between one thing and another without using *like* or *as*.**
* **A simile is a comparison between one thing and another using *like* or *as*.**
* **An EXTENDED METAPHOR is a longer metaphor that continues the comparison for several lines or stanzas; multiple comparisons are made between the two things instead of just one.**

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**Four Skinny Trees**

From *House on Mango Street* by Sandra Cisneros

They are the only ones who understand me. I am the only one who understands them. Four skinny trees with skinny necks and pointy elbows like mine. Four who do not belong here but are here. Four raggedy excuses planted by the city. From our room we can hear them, but Nenny just sleeps and doesn’t appreciate these things. Their strength is their secret. They send ferocious roots beneath the ground. They grow up and they grow down and grab the earth between their hairy toes and bite the sky with violent teeth and never quit their anger. This is how they keep. Let one forget his reason for being, they’d all droop like tulips in a glass, each with their arms around the other. Keep, keep, keep, trees say when I sleep. They teach. When I am too sad and too skinny to keep keeping, when I am a tiny thing against so many bricks, then it is I look at trees. When there is nothing left to look at on this street. Four who grew despite concrete. Four who reach and do not forget to reach. Four whose only reason is to be and be.

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**The Rose That Grew From Concrete**

By Tupac Shakur

Did you hear about the rose that grew  
from a crack in the concrete?  
Proving nature's law is wrong it  
learned to walk with out having feet.  
Funny it seems, but by keeping its dreams,   
it learned to breathe fresh air.   
Long live the rose that grew from concrete  
when no one else ever cared.

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**Stereo Hearts**

By Gym Class Heroes featuring Adam Levine

My heart's a stereo   
It beats for you, so listen close  
Hear my thoughts in every note

Make me your radio  
Turn me up when you feel low  
This melody was meant for you  
Just sing along to my stereo

If I was just another dusty record on the shelf  
Would you blow me off and play me like everybody else  
If I ask you to scratch my back, could you manage that  
Like it read well, check it Travie, I can handle that  
Furthermore, I apologize for any skipping tracks  
It's just the last girl that played me left a couple cracks  
I used to used to used to used to, now I'm over that  
'Cause holding grudges over love is ancient artifacts

If I could only find a note to make you understand  
I'd sing it softly in your ear and grab you by the hand  
Keep it stuck your head, like your favorite tune  
And know my heart's a stereo that only plays for you

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It beats for you, so listen close  
Hear my thoughts in every note

Make me your radio  
Turn me up when you feel low  
This melody was meant for you  
Just sing along to my stereo

Oh oh oh oh oh oh oh oh to my stereo  
Oh oh oh oh so sing along to my stereo, let's go

If I was an old-school, fifty pound boom box  
Would you hold me on your shoulder, wherever you walk  
Would you turn my volume up in front of the cops  
And crank it higher every time they told you to stop  
And all I ask is that you don't get mad at me  
When you have to purchase mad D batteries  
Appreciate every mix tape your friends make  
You never know we come and go like we're on the interstate

I think finally found a note to make you understand  
If you can hit it, sing along and take me by the hand  
Keep myself inside your head, like your favorite tune  
And know my heart's a stereo that only plays for you

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Oh oh oh oh oh oh oh oh to my stereo  
Oh oh oh oh so sing along to my stereo, let's go

I only pray you never leave me behind (Never leave me)  
Because good music can be so hard to find (So hard to find)  
I take your hand and pull it closer to mine  
Thought love was dead, but now you're changing my mind

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