

How to Write a Poem

Metaphysical Conceit



Instructions

- Think of an interesting metaphor that compares two completely different things. For example, you might write ‘My fists are tornadoes’.
- Use your metaphor as the beginning line in your conceit poem. Then find ways to extend the comparison. For example, if you were comparing fists to tornadoes, you could write ‘My fists are tornadoes. They crush spirits and crash through steel’.
- Continue the metaphor for as long as you can. If you want, add a rhyming mechanism to give your poem a nice rhythm and lyrical flow.

