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## Identifying Figurative Language #1

**Directions:** Read the lines of poetry. Slashes represent line breaks. Figure out which technique is being used: simile, metaphor, hyperbole, or personification. In the boxes, explain how you figured out your answer. It is possible that more than one technique is being used. If you can, explain each.

1. Like burnt-out torches by a sick man's bed

Which technique is being used?

\_\_\_\_\_  
Simile, Metaphor, Personification, or Hyperbole

**How do you figure?**  
(write a sentence explaining your answer)

2. There's a faucet in the basement / that had dripped one drop all year  
since he fixed it, we can't find it / without wearing scuba gear.

Which technique is being used?

\_\_\_\_\_  
Simile, Metaphor, Personification, or Hyperbole

**How do you figure?**  
(write a sentence explaining your answer)

3. When the stars threw down their spears, / And water'd heaven with their tears,

Which technique is being used?

\_\_\_\_\_  
Simile, Metaphor, Personification, or Hyperbole

**How do you figure?**  
(write a sentence explaining your answer)

4. The moon was a ghostly galleon tossed upon cloudy seas,  
The road was a ribbon of moonlight over the purple moor,

Which technique is being used?

\_\_\_\_\_  
Simile, Metaphor, Personification, or Hyperbole

**How do you figure?**  
(write a sentence explaining your answer)