Identifying Figurative Language

Directions: Read the lines of poetry. Figure out which technique is being used: idiom, simile, metaphor, hyperbole, or personification. It is possible more than one technique is being used. In the boxes, explain in your own words what is meant by the lines. Try your best to interpret the meaning. Slashes represent line breaks.

1. Example - 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.

What technique is being used? Hyperbole

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<td>The line is saying that someone made the sink worse while trying to fix it.</td>
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2. Cause I laugh like I've got gold mines / Diggin' in my own back yard.

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3. Bringing the gifts that my ancestors gave / I am the dream and the hope of the slave.

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4. The daisy hugging the earth / in August, ha!

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5. Don’t worry about the Alex / She’s all bark and no bite.

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6. Endless wealth, / I thought, / held out its arms to me.

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7. A thousand Paradises / in an apple blossom.

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8. Cause I walk like I've got oil wells / Pumping in my living room.

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9. After getting my report card / I knew it was time to hit the books.

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10. Floors are flowers – take a few / Ferns grow here and daisies too.

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11. An old willow with hollow branches / slowly swayed his few high tendrils / and sang:

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12. I should have done homework or studied instead / But I got up on the wrong side of the bed.

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13. There’s a guy in a tux and he stands in the corner, / Feedin’ the jukebox his dimes.

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14. I pushed him from my arms / his stare brought with a terror through / a million billion trillion stars.

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15. a flower / a weakest flower / shall be our trust

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16. I am Super Samson Simpson / I’m superlatively strong / I like to carry elephants / I do it all day long.

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17. As men walked up and down the street. Wino men, old men. / Young men sharp as mustard.

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18. Love is something else, / or so I thought it, / a garden which expands,

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19. It is the mind / the mind / that must be cured / short of death's intervention,

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20. I guess that my friends were just pulling my leg.

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21. One day they hold you in the / Palms of their hands, gentle, as if you / Were the last raw egg in the world.

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22. a blessing in disguise.

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23. Love is a young green willow / shimmering at the bare wood's edge.

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24. If no one came to try it / the world / would be the loser.

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25. The whole world / became my garden!

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26. There’s a blue bird in my heart that / wants to get out / but I’m too tough for him, / I say, stay in there, I’m not going / to let anybody see you.

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27. I wanted her to show up / I crossed my fingers.

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