

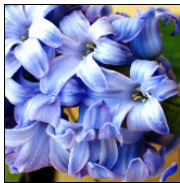
The Nightingale and the Rose – Language

Simile (= analogies, comparisons)

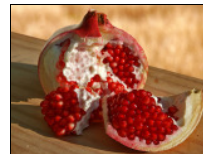
“His hair is dark **as** the hyacinth-blossom”

“his lips are red **as** the rose of his desire”

“passion has made his face **like** pale ivory”



Love is “more precious than emeralds, and dearer than fine opals”. “Pearls and pomegranates cannot buy it.”



“as white as the foam of the sea”

“whiter than the snow upon the mountain”

“as yellow as the hair of the mermaid”

“yellower than the daffodil that blooms in the meadow”

“as red as the feet of the dove”

“redder than the great fans of coral”

“[The Nightingale’s] voice was like water bubbling from a silver jar.”

etc.

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“what is joy to me, to him is pain.”

“She passed through the grove like a shadow, and like a shadow she sailed across the garden.”

“She swept over the garden like a shadow, and like a shadow she sailed through the grove.”

Repetitions

“‘Give me a red rose’, she cried, ‘and I will sing you my sweetest song.’” 3x

“She sang first of the birth of love in the heart of a boy and a girl.”

“she sang of the birth of passion in the soul of a man and a maid.”

“she sang of the Love that is perfected by death, of the Love that dies not in the tomb.”