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Topic/unit/core selection: Poetry

Poetry Techniques by Amy Lising

Poetry, poetry, you drive me crazy;  
How many techniques can there possibly be?  
Alliteration, assonance, and hyperbole,  
personification, metaphor, and simile!  
To me alliteration is already blurred,  
"It's repeated consonants at the start of the word."  
Assonance is also hard to confound,  
"It's words that have the same vowel sound."

What about hyperbole, tell me now!  
"It's an exaggeration, don't have a cow!"  
Explain personification, I don't get it though I've strived,  
"It's giving human qualities to things that aren't alive."

Metaphor and simile? The difference hurts my brain!  
"They both compare two unlike things.  
like or as are found only in similes,  
But from these words metaphors flee."

Additional instructions/melody/tempo etc.: This chant can be a call and response or sang as a whole class.