

# Identifying FIGURATIVE LANGUAGE in song lyrics



For each of the following extracts from songs, identify and explain the figurative language techniques used.

1 "I got the eye of the tiger,  
a fighter, dancing through the  
fire / 'Cause I am a champion  
and you're gonna hear me roar."

- *Roar* by Katy Perry

2 "I'm like a bird, I'll only fly away /  
I don't know where my soul is, I  
don't know where my home is."

- *I'm Like a Bird* by Nelly Futado

3 "Turn me inside out, make my  
heart speak... your love is one  
in a million, it goes on and on."

- *One in a Million* by Aaliyah

4 "Another turning point, a fork  
stuck in the road / Time grabs  
you by the wrist, directs you  
where to go."

- *Good Riddance* by Green Day

5 "When life leaves you high and dry  
/ I'll be at your door tonight / If  
you need help, if you need help...  
When you fall like a statue / I'm  
gon' be there to catch you / Put  
you on your feet."

- *Gone, Gone, Gone* by Philip Philips