



Poetry Terminology -		
Terms	Explanation	Example
Aanhaling	Quote words/phrase, use quotation marks	""
Alleenplasing	A word/phrase is placed alone to emphasize it	
Alliterasie	Repetition of consonants at the start of words	
Apostroof	Directly addressing someone in a poem	
Assonansie	Repetition of vowel sounds	Jy eis my huis. Bal sal ek vang.
		Always underline the sound they ask for.
Beelde	Image of something / someone	
Beeldspraak	Figurative language (metaphores personification / similes)	
Betekenis	Meaning	
Enjambement	No punctuation at the end of sentences. The sentence continues into the next line.	
Eufemisme	Softening the way of saying things.	6 feet under instead of dead.
Klanknabootsing / Onamatopee	Words that create sounds	"klik"
Personifikasie	Giving human qualities to lifeless things	"Die son glimlag"
Progressie	Progress in the poem	
Refrein	Words / phrases being repeated. Chorus	
Retoriese vraag	A question not requiring an answer	
Ritme	Repetition of sounds that creates rhythm and atmosphere	
Rym	Sounds that sound the same	
Sekstet	The last 6 lines of a sonnet / 6 lines of a poem	
Simbool	An object that represents something else	
Sintuie	Senses	Feel, Hear, Sight, Smell, Taste
Spreker	Speaker	
Stemming	Tone. Speakers attitude towards	
Neologisme	Making up words in the poem.	
Konnotatief / Figuurlik	Not the real or literal meaning	
Herhaling	Repeating a word / phrase to emphasize it	
Inversie	When the usual word order of a phrase is turned around to rhyme or emphasise	
Ironie	The opposite of what is expected or meant	
Klanke	Sounds	
Koeplet	2 lines in a stanza	
Kontras /		

Teenstelling	Two things are opposites	Light/dark, Fast / slow
Kwatryn	4 lines in a stanza	
Letterlik	The real meaning (dennotatief)	
Metafoor	Comparing something to something else	
	WITHOUT using the words	"As, nes, soos, net soos"
Oksimoron	Two words next to each other that look	
	like they could be oposites	
Oktaaf	8 lines in a stanza	