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## Poetry Devices

### Structural Devices:

**1. Contrast** occurs between two completely opposites pictures side by side. Such as in *The Ancient Mariner* there is contrast between the motion of the ship and which was travelling so quickly that it "burst into the silent sea" and the complete lack of motion which immediately follows: "Down dropt the breeze the sails dropt the down". Another example in *Ozymandias* the great broken statue is seen against the background of the vast and empty desert. Round the decay ...stretch far away. In the two poems of *Break Break* and *Lucy* the contrast is between life and death.

**2. Illustration** occurs when the poet make an idea clear, pictures of this sort occur in all the poem you have studied.

**3. Repetition** occurs when the poets repeat single lines or whole stanzas at intervals to emphasize a particular idea. Its aim is a musical effect or a poet wants us to pay attention to something. Such as in *The Ancient Mariner* the repetition of the word 'water' is to make us feel how vast the ocean is, and how thirsty the sailors are.

Water, Water, everywhere

And all the boards did shrink;

Water, Water, everywhere

Nor any drop to drink.

