Short Metaphor Poem Brainstorm

Your short metaphor poem can be about anything you imagine; however, remember you need to include a metaphor, a comparison of two ***unlike*** things.

If you have trouble thinking of a metaphor, use the chart below.

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| Step 1  Select a noun | Step 2  Think of something  related to that noun | Step 3  Think of something  related to second noun  but not the first | Step 4  Repeat step 3 for final noun for metaphor |
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For your second draft, challenge yourself by stating your metaphor in two lines; do not include the comparison of both unlike things in one line. Think of Ezra Pound’s poem “In a Station of the Metro” as an example.

Now you can compare the word from step 1 with the word from step 4. You should have a metaphor.

In the space below, write your first draft of a short two or three line poem using this metaphor.

Extended Metaphor Poem Brainstorm

Your extended metaphor poem can be about anything you imagine; however, remember you need to include a metaphor, a comparison of two ***unlike*** things. This metaphor should be in the first stanza, the last stanza and continue throughout the poem.

If you have trouble thinking of a metaphor, use the chart below.

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| Step 1  Select a noun | Step 2  Think of something  related to that noun | Step 3  Think of something  related to second noun  but not the first | Step 4  Repeat step 3 for final noun for metaphor |
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For your second draft, challenge yourself by using a set stanza length or not directly stating the metaphor.

Now you can compare the word from step 1 with the word from step 4. You should have a metaphor.

In the space below, write your first draft of a multiple stanza metaphor. Use “Valediction” as your model.