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Literal and Figurative Language

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Correctly identify the type of language in each of the passages below as one of the following:

- A. Simile
- B. Direct metaphor
- C. Implied metaphor
- D. Literal language

Then write down the two items compared in each example of figurative language. If the passage is literal language, you won't have any.

1. Oh, my love is like a red, red rose.

2. Life the hound

Equivocal

Comes at a bound

Either to rend me

Or to befriend me.

3. We watched the stars in the evening sky.

4. Oh, my love has red petals and sharp thorns.

5. "Curtains / lift and fall, / like the chest of someone sleeping."

6. Then she crawled away, leaving / a tiny stretched transparence / behind her.

7. The fog comes / on little cat feet.

8. Embarrassment ripened her cheeks.

9. Oh I placed my love into a long-stemmed vase and bandaged my bleeding thumb.

10. Life, like a dome of many-colored glass, / Stains the white radiance of Eternity.

11. Being in love is painful sometimes.

12. To see a world in a grain of sand / And a heaven in a wildflower.

13. A new electric fence, / Its five barbed wires tight / As a steel-stringed banjo.

14. Embarrassment is a ripe plum.

15. 'Hope' is the thing with feathers—/ That perches in the soul.
