Rhetorical Devices Practice
'Cause you know I’d walk
A thousand miles
If I could
Just see you
Tonight

- “A Thousand Miles,” Vanessa Carlton

HYPERBOLE
Turn your magic on, to me she’d say
Everything you want’s a dream away
Under this pressure, under this weight
We are diamonds...

- “Adventures of a Lifetimes,” Coldplay

**METAPHOR**
Now watch me whip (Kill it!)
Now watch me nae nae (Okay!)
Now watch me whip whip
Now watch me nae nae (Can you do it?)

- “Watch Me,” Silento

ANAPHORA
Do you ever feel like a plastic bag? Drifting through the wind, wanting to start again? Do you ever feel, feel so paper thin Like a house of cards, one blow from caving in?

- “Firework,” Katy Perry

SIMILE
Anyway, I think I met him sometime before
In a different life or where I record
I mean he was Adam, I think I was Eve
But my vision ends with the apple on the tree

- “Your Love,” Nicki Minaj
Did you have to do this?
I was thinking you could be trusted
Did you have to ruin what was shiny?
Now it’s all rusted
Did you have to hit me where I’m weak?

- “Bad Blood,” Taylor Swift
My persuasion can build a nation
Endless power
With our love we can devour
You’ll do anything for me

- “Run the World (Girls),” Beyoncé

USE OF PRONOUNS
A decade ago
I never thought I would be
At twenty-three
On the verge of spontaneous combustion
Woe is me

- “Pardon Me,” Incubus
But I guess that it comes with the territory
An ominous landscape of never-ending calamity

- “Pardon Me,” Incubus
I gotta feeling that tonight’s gonna be a good night
That tonight’s gonna be a good night
That tonight’s gonna be a good, good night

- “I Gotta Feeling,” The Black Eyed Peas
‘Cause you’re hot then your cold
You’re yes then you’re no
You’re in then you’re out
You’re up then you’re down
You’re wrong when it’s right...

- “Hot ‘n Cold,” Katy Perry

ANTITHESIS
I remember back one year when daddy had no money
Mommy wrapped the Christmas presents up
And stuck 'em under the tree and said some of 'em were from me
'Cause daddy couldn't buy 'em
I'll never forget that Christmas I sat up the whole night crying

- “Mockingbird,” Eminem
I see trees of green, red roses too
I seem them bloom, for me and you
And I think to myself
What a wonderful world
I see skies of blue, and clouds of white,
The bright blessed day, the dark sacred night
And I think to myself
What a wonderful world

- “What a Wonderful World,” Louis Armstrong

PARALLELISM
I hear your name in certain circles, and it always makes me smile
I spend my time thinkin’ about you, and it’s almost driving me wild
And there’s a heart that’s breaking down this long distance line tonight
I ain’t missing you at all since you’ve been gone away
I ain’t missing you, no matter what I might say

- “Missing You,” John Waite