Name That Poetic Device! (Courtesy of Bon Jovi)

Step one is to look at the song lyrics below and identify the poetic device. Your options are: metaphor, simile, hyperbole and personification.

1. Oh, Oh, you’re a loaded gun. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
2. My heart is like an open highway \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
3. It’s been raining since you left me/Now I’m drowning in the flood. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
4. If you told me to die for you/I would. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
5. I heard your suitcase say goodbye. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
6. You say you’ve cried a thousand rivers/ And now you’re swimming for the shore \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
7. I’d steal the sun in the sky for you. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
8. Didn’t somebody somewhere say/ You’re gonna take a fall \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
9. Now this boy’s addicted ‘cause your kiss is the drug. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
10. I got a jones for your affection like a monkey on my back. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
11. I need a respirator cause I’m running out of breath. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
12. You’re love is like bad medicine. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
13. I want to lay you down in a bed of roses/ For tonight I sleep on a bed of nails. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Step two is to pick TWO of the above lyrics and explain in DETAIL (1) how you know what it is and (2) what the artist was trying to show, the meaning. You might want to look up which song the lyric is from and check out the whole thing! ☺

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|  | # | How Do you Know What It Means (1) | What Is the Singer Trying To Say? *What does the line really mean?* (2) |
| Song Title 1: |  |  |  |
| Song Title 2: |  |  |  |

Step three is to make up your own poetic devices. Pick any three from the list below and write your own.

* Metaphor
* Simile
* Alliteration
* Onomatopoeia
* Personification
* Hyperbole

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2. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
3. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_