

Farmhand Language

Use this activity sheet to record your ideas about the language used in **Farmhand** as you study it. Keep this in your notes for revision. What do you notice about the language used in the poem? What poetic techniques are being used? Fill in the answers to the quotations below and then find other quotations to discuss.

Quotation	Language Technique Used	What Effect Does This Have on the Reader?
'You will see him'	Narrator speaks directly to the reader	
'the secret night'		
'girls drifting like flowers'		
'tears slowly in his mind an old wound open'		The music reminds him of an 'old wound', probably a relationship that ended badly. The music makes the memory come back so strongly that it 'open(s)' the 'wound' again, making him feel the pain of rejection as if it were fresh.
'hairy hands'		
'crops slow-growing as his mind'	simile	
'awkward hopes, his envious dreams'		
'listening like a lover'		



