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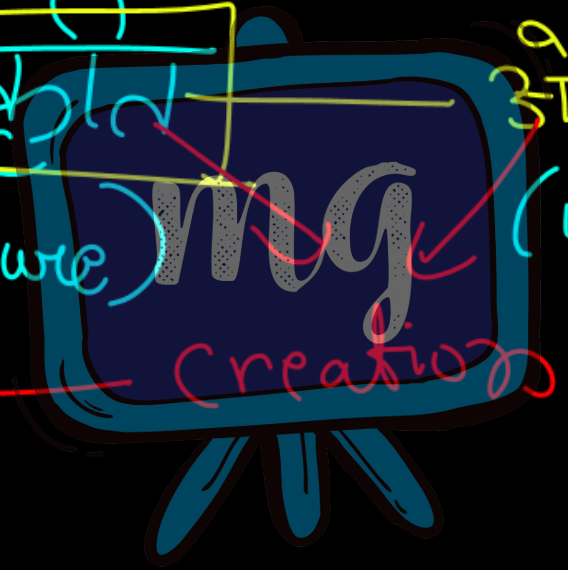
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पेड़ (tree)

प्रकृति (nature)

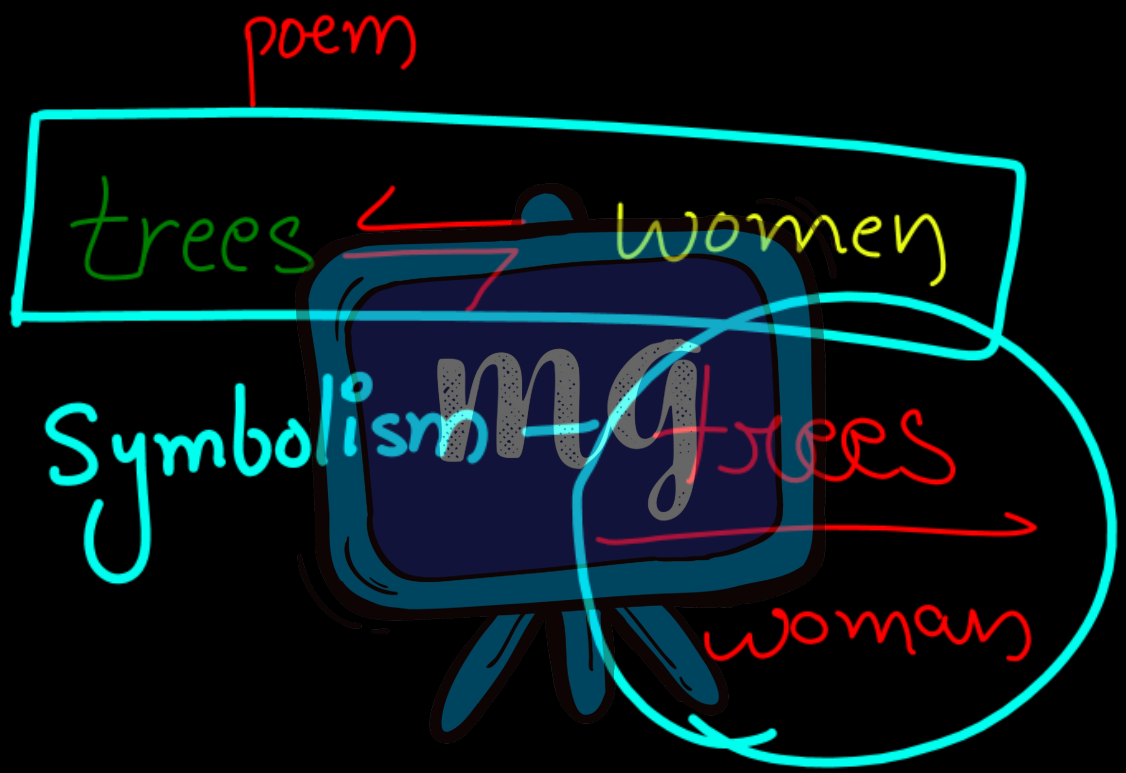
औरत / देवी (woman / goddess)

प्रजनन — creation



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औरतों को आज़ादी नहीं थी

आंदोलन

नारीवाद (Feminist)

औरतों को आज़ादी दी गई

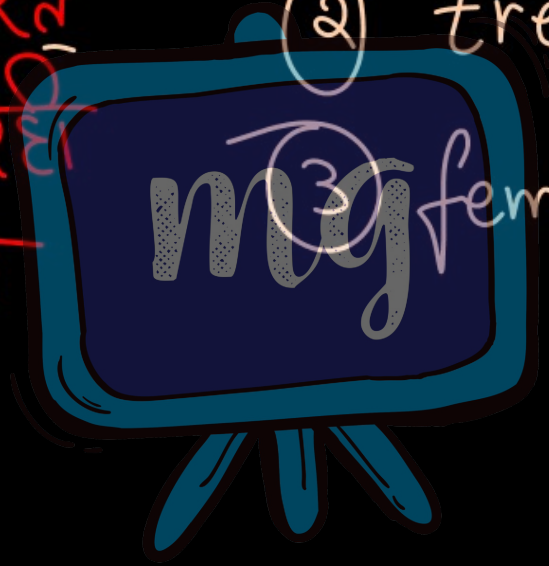


जब आंदोलन हो रहा था तब औरतें कैसे निकल रही थी चीजों से

① प्रकृति ⇄ औरत

② trees → woman

③ feminism → freedom



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Adrienne Rich

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Adrienne Rich was an American poet, essayist and feminist. नारीवादी

About the poem

रूपक
This poem uses the metaphor of trees breaking out of a house to return to the forest to represent women fighting for their freedom from patriarchal control.

~ Adrienne Rich

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Trees = women

forest = world

POEM

पेड़ अंदर थे जा रहे हैं.

The trees inside are moving

out into the forest,

बाहर जंगल में.

the forest that was empty all these days

वो जंगल जो खाली था इन दिनों में

where no bird could sit चिड़िया

no insect hide

- Empty (खाली)
- Insect (कीड़ा/कीट)
- Hide (छुपना)

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POEM

सूर्य की किरण छाया

no sun bury its feet in shadow

the forest that was

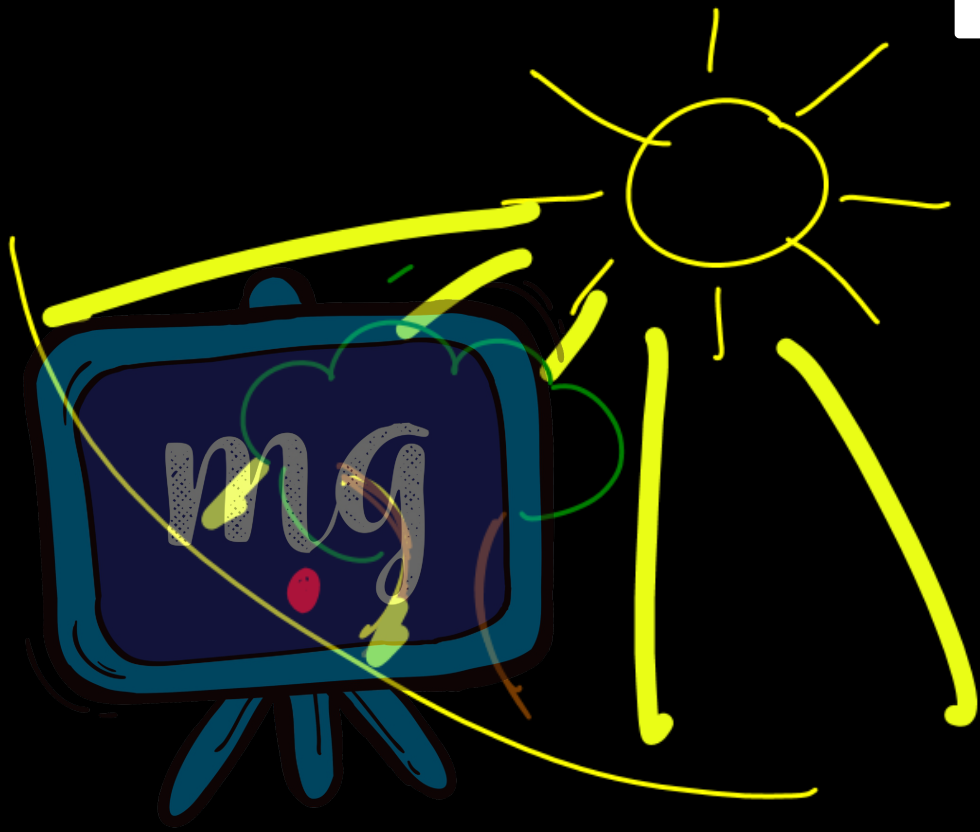
empty all these nights

will be full of trees by morning.

- Bury (गाड़ना/डुबोना)
- Shadow (छाया)
- Full (भरा हुआ)

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POEM

All night the roots work

to disengage themselves from the

cracks in the veranda floor.

- Disengage (छुड़ाना/अलग करना)
- Cracks (दरारें)
- Veranda (बरामदा)
- Floor (फर्श)

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POEM

पत्ती ज़ोर काँप

The leaves strain toward the glass

small twigs stiff with exertion

टहनियां अकड़ थकान प्रयास

- Strain (जोर लगाना/खींचना)
- Twigs (छोटी टहनियां)
- Stiff (कठोर/अकड़े हुए)
- Exertion (थकान/प्रयास)

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Important

POEM

long-cramped boughs shuffling under the roof
like newly discharged patients
half-dazed, moving
to the clinic doors.

- Cramped (जकड़े हुए)
- Boughs (बड़ी टहनियाँ)
- Shuffling (घसीट कर चलना)
- Discharged (अस्पताल से छुट्टी पाए हुए)
- Half-dazed (अर्ध-बेहोश)

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Poet is saying :—

मैं अंदर बैठी हूँ

POEM

I sit inside, doors open to the veranda
writing long letters
in which I scarcely mention the departure
of the forest from the house.

- Scarcely (शायद ही कभी/मुश्किल से)
- Mention (उल्लेख करना)
- Departure (चले जाना)

खत
मुश्किल से बता
पेड़ जा रहे हैं

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Smell of leaf
=
Voice of women

POEM

ताज़गी full चंद्रमा
The night is fresh, the whole moon shines
in a sky still open खुला आसमान
the smell of leaves and lichen
still reaches like a voice into the rooms.

- Lichen (काई/लाइकेन)
- Reaches (पहुंचती है)

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POEM

My head is full of whispers
which tomorrow will be silent. शांत
Listen. The glass is breaking.

- Whispers (फुसफुसाहट)
- Breaking (टूट रहा है)

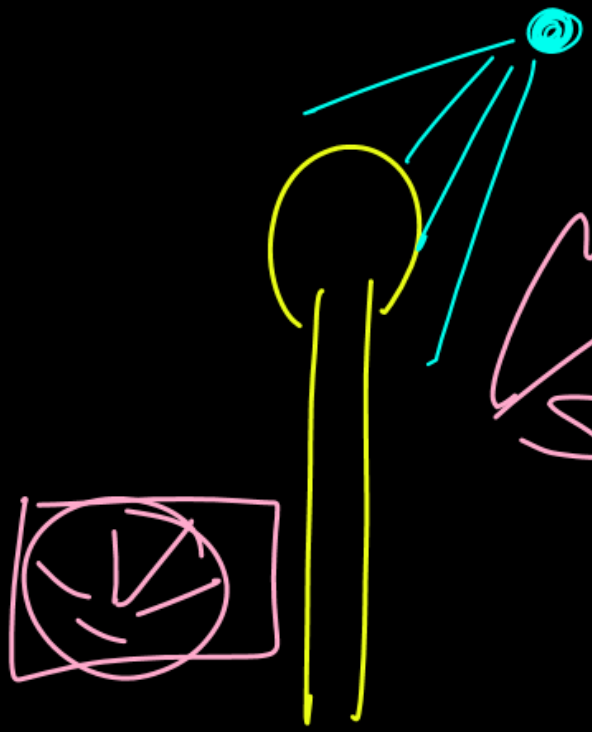
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POEM

The trees are stumbling forward
into the night. Winds rush to meet them.

- Stumbling (लड़खड़ाते हुए चलना)
- Forward (आगे की ओर)
- Winds (हवाएँ)
- Rush (दौड़ना)

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POEM

The moon is broken like a mirror,

its pieces flash now in the crown

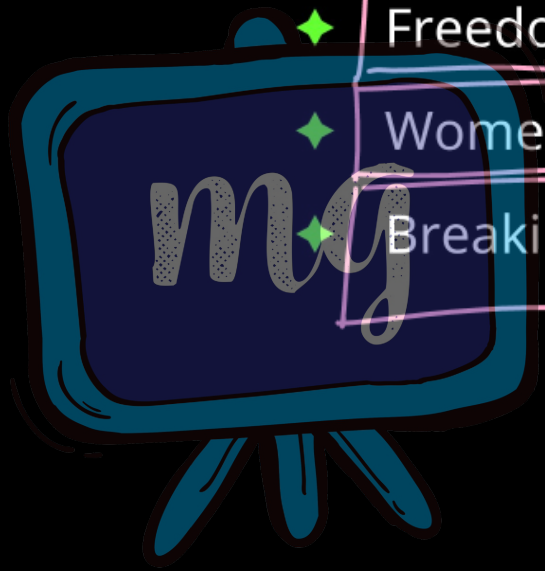
of the tallest oak.

- Flash (चमकना)
- Crown (ताज/सबसे ऊपरी हिस्सा)
- Tallest (सबसे लंबा)
- Oak (ओक का पेड़)

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- Freedom
- Women's Liberation
- Breaking Boundaries



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POETIC DEVICES

- **Free Verse/No Rhyme Scheme**

Meaning : The poem does not follow any fixed rhyme scheme or rhythm pattern.

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Personification :

- **Meaning :** Giving human qualities to non-human things (like trees or objects).
- **Example in the poem**
  - All night the roots work / to disengage themselves" (Roots don't literally "work" like humans do).

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- ✓ "The leaves strain toward the glass" (Straining is a human physical effort).
- ✓ "Winds rush to meet them."



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Simile :

Meaning : Comparing two things using the words "like" or "as".

Example in the poem :

"like newly discharged patients" (Comparing the moving, half-dazed trees to patients leaving a hospital).

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- ✓ "The moon is broken like a mirror" (Comparing the broken pieces of moonlight through the trees to a shattered mirror).



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Metaphor :

- **Meaning :** Comparing two things directly without using "like" or "as" (stating that one thing is another).
- **Example in the poem :**
  - The entire poem is an extended metaphor where the trees stand for women fighting for their freedom.

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Imagery :

- **Meaning :** Using descriptive words that create a clear picture in the reader's mind.
- **Example in the poem :**
  - Visual imagery : "roots work to disengage from the cracks", "glass is breaking", "tallest oak".

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- ✓ Olfactory (smell) imagery : "the smell of leaves and lichen still reaches like a voice".



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Enjambment :

Meaning : When a sentence continues from one line to the next without any punctuation (comma or full stop) at the end of the line.

Example in the poem :

✓ "the forest that was empty all these days/where no bird could sit/no insect hide"

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Alliteration :

Meaning : The repetition of a consonant sound at the beginning of words that are close together.

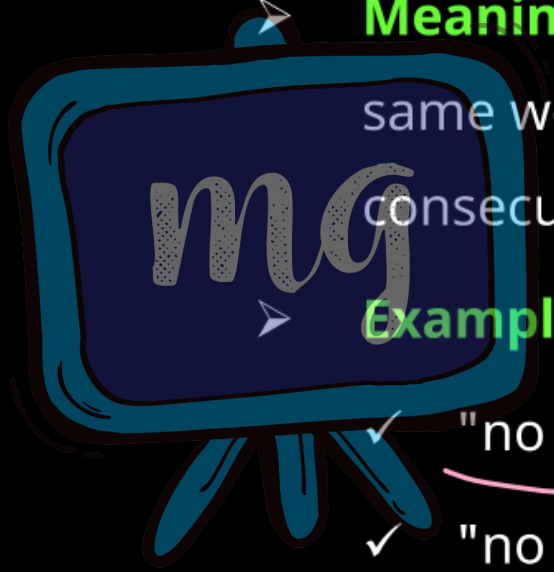
Example

- ✓ long letters
- ✓ forest from
- ✓ sky still
- ✓ leaves and lichen

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Anaphora :

- **Meaning :** The repetition of the same word at the beginning of consecutive lines.
- **Example**



✓ "no insect hide"

✓ "no sun bury its feet in shadow"

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Symbolism :

- **Meaning :** Using specific objects or elements to represent deeper ideas.
- **Example**
  - ✓ The house symbolizes a patriarchal society (male-dominated world), and the trees symbolize women breaking free to find their freedom.

Metaphor – She is a lion.

वो शेर है

Simile – She is brave like a lion.

वो शेर जैसे हिम्मती है

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1. Where are the trees at the beginning of the poem?

   (a) In a deep forest

   (b) Inside a house

   (c) On a high mountain

   (d) In a public park

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2. What are the trees compared to when they are moving out?

(a) Wild animals running away

(b) Children playing in a garden

(c) Soldiers marching in a line

(d) Newly discharged patients leaving a clinic

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3. What happens to the moon at the end of the poem?

(a) It disappears behind a cloud

(b) It shines brighter than ever

(c) It turns red like fire

(d) It is broken like a mirror in the crown of the tallest oak