



## Metaphor & Simile: Worksheet

*Directions: Read the passage. Underline any metaphors and circle any similes. Identify what two things are being compared.*

I loved you as anyone with a heart would. You were bottled sunshine, clean and pure. You spoke, and the walls around my sad excuse for feelings crumbled like Jericho's. They tumbled out like laundry from an open washing machine left running - you found them just as unappealing. As any poet can tell you, loving someone isn't a guarantee for a happy ending. Sometimes your kiss never breaks the spell. Sometimes you scale a tower to find your princess is in another castle. Sometimes you set out to rescue someone who doesn't need saving. Only a fool would continue that quest. I'll gather the courage to ride into the sunset alone. I'll ignore how the empty space beside me feels like a river about to drown me. So sleep well, my love, and dream a dream sweet enough for two.



## Metaphor & Simile: Worksheet (answer key)

Simile comparing the narrator ("I") and "anyone with a heart."

Metaphor comparing the subject ("you") and "sunshine."

Metaphor comparing the narrator's emotional guardedness to actual fortifications.

Simile comparing onslaught of emotions to the fall of Jericho.

Simile comparing emotions to falling laundry.

Metaphor comparing the narrator to a failed prince, not able to break an evil spell or find his princess.

Simile comparing empty space to a river.

Metaphor comparing the subject to a sleeping princess, yet to find her true love.