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## **"My Bed Is a Boat"** **A Child's Garden of Verses**

**Directions:** A metaphor is a way of comparing one thing to another *without* using "like" or "as." The title "My Bed Is a Boat" compares the child's bed and a boat. **The inky black sky** compares the color of the sky to ink. Look around you for ways to describe things (compare them) using metaphors. If you want to, you could also make up a list of similes. Similes compare things *using* "like" or "as." For example: The cardinal's feathers **were as red as a fire engine**. Or, the **wind howled** through the trees **like a ghost** on Halloween. The next time you read a story, watch for metaphors and similes. Write them down and begin a collection of them. When you are writing, use them or ideas like them to excite your teacher and improve your work.

Metaphor: compares *without* like or as

Simile: compares using *like* or *as*