

DO NOT GO GENTLE INTO THAT GOOD NIGHT / FERN HILL

COPY MASTER

Reading Skill

ANALYZE IMAGERY

Imagery is words and phrases that recreate sensory experiences for the reader. Thomas creates fresh and powerful images through his use of precise words and carefully selected details. To analyze the imagery in a poem, consider your response. What thoughts and feelings are triggered by the image? Your reaction will help you understand and interpret each image. For example, the speaker of “Do Not Go Gentle into That Good Night” insists that “Old age should burn and rave at close of day.” This image suggests anger, fire, and passion, but also hints at madness and lack of control. Your response to this image of old age will help you understand the ideas of the poem.

Directions: Use these charts to collect examples of powerful imagery in these poems. Describe the thoughts or feelings that are evoked by each example.

“Do Not Go Gentle into That Good Night”

Example of Imagery	Thoughts/Feelings Evoked

“Fern Hill”

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