Poetic Terminology Exercise

Name the poetic devices being used. Some lines may contain more than one poetic device.

1. All the world’s a stage.
2. The daffodils nod as she passes by.
3. Robert Service writes of strong, silent, souls.
4. He has asked that question a thousand times.
5. O grave, where is thy victory?
O death, where is thy sting?
6. His jokes kill me.
7. Hollow men like horses, hot at hand.
8. The screaming planes above; the snarling seas below.
9. Its back was all humpy and lumpy and dumpy.
10. Death whispered in his ear.
11. The famous cancer specialist himself died of cancer.
12. She wept buckets at her disappointment.
13. The violet lifts her calm, blue eye.
14. The sea was here, the sea was there, the sea was all around.
15. He is a sly old fox.
16. The ring of the blacksmith’s hammer.
17. During his first two weeks in the life-boat there was nothing to see but the sea.
18. Life has a loveliness to sell.
19. He was a ghost of his former self.
20. With woeful waste he scattered destruction.
21. O Wild West Wind, thou breath of Autumn’s being.
22. The wilderness called to him as never before.
23. He was as full of faults as an old shoe.
24. The murmurous haunt of flies on a summer’s eve.
25. She sang a sad song of farewell.
26. His life is an open book for all to read.
27. The very houses seem asleep.