

Compare the ways in which the importance of identity is written about in 'Love after Love' and 'This Room'.

Understand and evaluate how writers use linguistic, structural and presentational devices to achieve their effects

## Content

- LAL is about celebrating yourself and giving back the time and effort that you give away to others in a relationship, "Give back your heart to itself".
- TR is about being happy with who you are, wherever you are, "No-one is looking for the door".

## Language

- LAL - language is all about self - "your" is used 13 times to show that you are the most important person
- TR is a celebration of life - it is chaotic but the persona is happy to have left her roots, "where I've left my feet" and is happy to be where she is, "my hands are outside, clapping"
- Both poems include refs to food - links to the major celebrations of life.

## Structure

- LAL - structured in 4 equal stanzas - suggests that finding yourself is a process.
- TR - chaotic structure which reflects the chaotic nature of life. Lists add to this idea, as does the enjambement. Final line is isolated which reflects the ideas in the poem and shows that it is possible to be separate and still happy.