

Connecting the poems

When we study poetry at AS/A2, IB level or even beyond, we can often 'make sense' of the poems individually but find it more difficult to make connections between them and write cohesively about the poet's work. Use the example below as a starting point in making a diagram of connections between the poems you have been studying. You should find that you can create more and more links once you get started and then you'll be able to see which are the strongest and weakest connections. Perhaps use different colours to denote 'voice'; 'theme'; 'structure' etc as in the example below. Once you have done this you need to think about the reasons behind the poet's choices.

