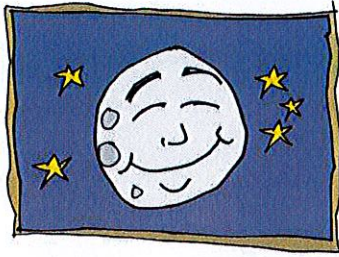


A metaphor is stronger than a simile. It is when you say that one thing is another thing. It's a little bit of magic. Instead of writing,



The moon is like a
smile ...

You write,

The moon is a smile ...



Start by reading my poem. I had a lot of fun writing this. I made a quick list of ideas – different animals, objects, vehicles, things from nature, things from home or the countryside or town. I also listed things like sounds, feelings, smells, moments, delicate things. I allowed myself to be adventurous and tried to write an extended, playful poem.

You can listen to an audio recording of the poem below here:

<https://soundcloud.com/talkforwriting/you-are/s-dvnHTD8ZzH3>

You Are

You are a soft sofa and comforting cushions.
You are a wolfhound panting after a run.
You are a cat stretching his curious claws.
You are a red bus slowing to a full stop.
You are an ancient oak tree, gnarled and misshapen.
You are an ice cream cone with two flakes at different angles.
You are clouds of sheep on a hillside.
You are sunlight sleeping on a windowsill.
You are the Tardis travelling to an unexpected destination.
You are the squeak of a hinge that needs oiling.
You are the moment after a sigh.
You are the worker bee hovering outside the hive.
You are the gurgle gargling in a drain.
You are the scratching of fingernails on wood.
You are anger spun into a knot.
You are the sadness of 'never again'.
You are the nettle sting of a lasting lie.
You are the smell of chips and vinegar on a frosty night.