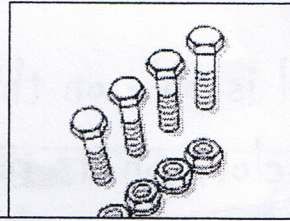


Freezing dusk has tightened
~~Like a nut screwed tight~~
 On the starry aeroplane
~~Of the soaring night.~~

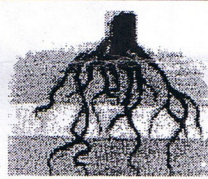


Hughes uses the **simile** to compare the way the freezing dusk [end of day] comes and **tightens its "grip"** [hold] on the night time. Like a nut screwed tight.

Hughes uses **metaphor** to compare the soaring [rising] night-time to an aeroplane zooming into the starry sky.

But the trout is in its hole
 Like a chuckle in a sleeper.

The hare strays down the highway
~~Like a root going deeper.~~



Hughes uses **simile** to compare the way the hare hops off down the road to find a warmer spot to sleep for the night to a root digging deeper into the earth to find food and shelter. He does this to show that the Hare is quite comfortable with how he is going to handle the hard frost of the cold winter night.

Hughes uses **simile** to compare the snail tucked up warm and dry in the outside loo to a sunflower seed sitting snugly wrapped in its husk. He does this to show how even the snails cope well with the cold winter nights.

The snail is dry in the outhouse
 Like a seed in a sunflower.

