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In songs, as in poetry, authors use *imagery*. Imagery is the use of words in a description that appeal to the reader's senses in order to create pictures, or images, in the reader's mind of the thing described.

Example: *Flaming flowers that brightly blaze.*

Literally, the example says that the flowers are on fire, since both *flaming* and *blaze* mean *on fire*. However, the author of the song *Vincent* uses *flaming* and *blaze* as imagery to communicate the idea that the flowers are very bright.

A Read the following phrases that contain underlined imagery. In the space under each phrase, write what you think each image means.

1. Reflect in Vincent's eyes of China blue.

2. Weathered faces are soothed beneath the artist's loving hand.

3. The silver thorn of the bloody rose.

B Match the definitions in the right column to the vocabulary words in the left column. Then, write the letter in the space provided.

___ 1. swirling

___ 2. reflect

___ 3. weathered

___ 4. soothed

a. relieved or brought comfort

b. exposed to the weather

c. moved around or in a whirling way

d. to show as a likeness