

EXAMPLES OF THESIS STATEMENTS

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“The River” by Victoria Shaw and Garth Brooks uses an extended metaphor to explain the speaker’s philosophy on the the best way to live one’s life. The speaker’s attitude is both optimistic and zealous.

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“The Dance” by Tony Arta is a poignant poem whose nostalgic tone reveals the speaker’s recollection of a lost love. Its theme is universal and could apply to almost anyone who has ever had a failed relationship or lost a loved one.

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“Mirror” by Sylvia Plath contains both candid and condescending tones which reveal the theme that a mirror does not determine beauty, but rather the viewer does.