

PARODY

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DEFINITION

An imitation of the style of a particular writer, artist, or genre with deliberate exaggeration for effect.



EXAMPLES

<https://youtu.be/YKt1K7sn0JQ?t=2m2s>

^^ “I Want it That Way” (Backstreet Boys) Parody

“My mistress’ eyes are nothing like the sun;
Coral is far more red than her lips’ red;
If snow be white, why then her breasts are dun;
If hairs be wires, black wires grow on her head.
I have seen roses damasked, red and white,
But no such roses see I in her cheeks;”

Shakespeare Sonnet 130—a parody of other love poems that were common in the time period, and presented as “anti-love” poem

QUESTIONS

1. What do you think are the most effective kinds of parodies (literary, musical, artistic/visual, etc.)? And why? Also there's no right or wrong answer :)
2. Are parodies appropriate to use in literary works? How do they fit in? Do they make the piece seem childish?
3. Is humor the only effect that parodies create? What else can they achieve?

Draw an image for a parody, or write a short parody of memorable pictures, sayings, song lyrics, quotes or anything you think you can make comically.

I tried: Parents, pets, siblings, lend me your ears/ I come to finish my homework, not dilly dally with it/ the evil that teachers do lives after school.