

6ET2U2 – Poem – From A Railway Carriage – BBE 3

Appreciating The Poem:

A simile is a figure of speech that directly compares two things. Similes explicitly use connecting words such as 'like' and 'as'.
eg. 'as cool as'; 'like a child'.

Select the lines of similes used in the poem

Faster than fairies, faster than witches,
Bridges and houses, hedges and ditches;
And charging along like troops in a battle,
All through the meadows the horses and cattle:
All of the sights of the hill and the plain
Fly as thick as driving rain;
And ever again, in the wink of an eye,
Painted stations whistle by.
Here is a child who clammers and scrambles,
All by himself and gathering brambles;
Here is a tramp who stands and gazes;
And there is the green for stringing the daisies!
Here is a cart run away in the road,
Lumping along with man and load;
And here is a mill and there is a river:
Each a glimpse and gone forever!

- Robert Louis Stevenson