Lyric Poem Scoring Guide

	General	Poetic Devices
4 – GOOD! Your lyric has strong imagery and a musical quality. You effectively use sound and figurative devices.	□ language use is vivid and sophisticated □ poem is at least ten lines long, but not more than 3/4 page long □ poem effectively conveys an emotion through sounds and clear imagery □ if the lyric is a song, there is a strong musical quality to the poem—use of refrains and other devices common to songs are present □ poem is focused on a single emotion or experience □ concrete, sensory imagery present □ avoids general language	 □ uses three or more poetic devices in total □ uses one or more figurative devices □ uses one or more sound devices
3 – A PASS! Your lyric poem is solid. You make use of poetic devices.	□ language use is vivid □ poem is at least ten lines long, but not more than 3/4 page long □ poem conveys an emotion through sounds and clear imagery □ if the lyric is a song, there is a musical quality to the poem □ poem is mostly focused on a single emotion or experience □ sensory imagery is present □ some language is general, not specific	 □ uses three or more poetic devices in total □ uses one figurative device □ uses one sound device
2 – ALMOST Your lyric poem is minimally developed, and does not adequately demonstrate poetic devices.	□ language shows errors, tends toward the general □ imagery lacks clarity in places □ poem is not quite ten lines long, or is too long □ emotion is not clear in places, or the poem attempts to convey more than one emotion or experience □ lacks sensory images	 □ uses one or two poetic devices in total □ may use a sound device but no figurative device, or a figurative device, but no sound device
1 – NOT YET Your lyric poem is seriously flawed or incomplete.	□ poem does not attempt to convey a single emotion or experience □ incorrect word usage; little variety in word choice □ imagery is confused, meaning throughout poem is unclear □ poem is too short or too long sensory imagery not attempted	 □ may successfully demonstrate one poetic device □ may attempt, but not successfully use an intended poetic device
0 – NOT AT ALL	☐ Poem is too brief to evaluate, or not attempted at all.	