

Student 4

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*ter conatus ibi collo dare bracchia circum, ter frustra comprehensa manus effugit imago*

Three times I tried to cast my arms around her neck where she had been, but three times the clasp was in vain and the wraith escaped my hands. (1)

Anaphora is a technique used to bind successive clauses together using the repetition of a word or phrase at the beginning of the clauses. Virgil achieves this with the repetition of *ter* – three times, (2) when Aeneas tries three times to embrace the ghost of his wife Creusa and is three times unsuccessful. This repetition demonstrates Aeneas' desperation (3) and indicates that his old life is over (4.)