Personification (pronounced: PER-son-if-i-kay-shun) is when a writer makes a non-human object or idea seem like a person. How many times is personification used in this poem?

Personification
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I know that clouds aren’t people, but they’re looking glum today. So I say that they are pouting, as I watch the sky turn gray.

Now, the sky is not a person, but I feel its raindrop tears. So I say that it is crying, and then the sun appears.

The sun is not a person, but its warmth spreads like a grin. So I say the sun is smiling, and the sky cheers up again.
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Read each sentence. First, tell what object is given human qualities. Then, tell what the sentence means.

1. I could hear the wind whistling through the trees.
   
   What object is given human qualities? ________________________________
   
   What does this sentence mean? ________________________________

2. The old car died on the side of the road.

   What object is given human qualities? ________________________________

   What does this sentence mean? ________________________________

3. Bright flashes of lightning were dancing in the sky.

   What object is given human qualities? ________________________________

   What does this sentence mean? ________________________________

Try to write two of your own sentences that have personification.

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