Look at the selection of words below, which have been taken from a poem:

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beady beat birthright black black black black black black body chiefs chuckle contempt
creased eyes fat fat fat fat fat fingers fire folds giving gold golden heavy kind love move
my postures pulse refuses resigned resignation ringed robed says showing sits stool toes
throat whale white woman woman woman’s
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Sort these words into different groups, using the table below. Consider what links them and come up with category titles (e.g. body image). You can place words in more than one category.

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1. Given your above responses what are your first impressions about ‘The Assertion’ by Grace Nichols?

2. Now experiment with the words and write your own version of the poem. Try to use as many of the words above as possible.