Extended Metaphor Assignment

Tan has an uncommon gift of figurative language. Here she describes a storm with a striking metaphor: “I saw that lightning had eyes and searched to strike down little children” (p.103). Here she uses a simile to describe the emotions of a young child: “My heart felt like crickets scratching to get out of a cage” (p. 45). Here she describes Old Lady Jong: “And her fingers felt like a dead person’s, like an old peach I once found in the back of a refrigerator” (p. 137). Write an extended metaphor for one of the three things: an aspect of nature (like a storm), a familiar emotion (like love or jealousy), and the description of a person (a friend or family member).