Looking Closely at Poetry

1. What is the dramatic situation of the poem (what is actually taking place?)?

2. What do you know about the speaker in the poem?

3. Who is the speaker addressing? Who do you think is the intended audience of the poem?

4. What motivates the speaker?

5. What is the setting of the poem?

6. What themes do you see in the poem?
7. Is there one line that communicates the theme or the argument of the poem? Write it below.

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8. Does the poem rhyme? Does it have a particular rhythm that you can identify?

9. How does the poem look on the page?

10. Describe the kind of language that the poet uses.

11. Describe the imagery in the poem. How does the imagery develop or support the theme or message of the poem?

12. What is the tone/mood of the poem overall? How is it developed?