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**Poetry Explication Essay Helper**

Who is the author? \_\_\_\_\_

Who is the speaker? \_\_\_\_\_

Who is the speaker speaking to? Who is the intended audience?  
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What is the central theme?  
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What are two additional themes?  
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What three literary devices support that theme? Diction? Rhythm? Imagery? What is imagery? How does figurative language support or affect imagery?  
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How does the author's use of various literary devices affect your emotions?  
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What might an introductory paragraph to a literary analysis essay about this poem look like?  
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