TP-CASTT Poetry Analysis

TITLE: Consider the title and make a prediction about what the poem is about.
PARAPHRASE: Translate the poem line by line into your own words on a literal level. Look for complete thoughts (sentences may be inverted) and look up unfamiliar words.
CONNOTATION: Examine the poem for meaning beyond the literal. Look for figurative language, imagery, and sound elements.
ATTITUDE/TONE: Notice the speaker's tone and attitude. Humor? Sarcasm? Awe?
SHIFTS: Note any shifts or changes in speaker or attitude. Look for key words, time change, punctuation.
TITLE: Examine the title again, this time on an interpretive level.
THEME: Briefly state in your own words what the poem is about (subject), then what the poet is saying about the subject (theme).