**Step-by-Step Poetry Analysis**

**Paragraph One**

**Title, author and summary of poem. What is the poem about?**

**Paragraph Two**

**Structure of the poem**

**How does the structure of the poem help with the meaning? Comment on how it is written.**

**Paragraph Three**

**Figurative Language: how does it create meaning?**

**Paragraph Four**

**Shifts in the poem: Where do the shifts in tone, setting, voice, etc. occur? Look for time and place, key words, punctuation, stanza divisions, changes in length or rhyme, and sentence structure. What is the purpose of each shift? How do they contribute to effect and meaning?**

**Paragraph Five**

**Conclusion**

**What is the theme of the poem?**

**What are your thoughts on the poem? Like or dislike, but support your opinion.**