Analysis of a Poem

a)      Introduction (indicate the title and author of the poem).

b) Determine what style of poetry it is. For example, is it free-verse or rhyming? Along with this, look at the structure, punctuation and pauses of the poem.

c) Determine what voice is being used (i.e. is it first person or third person?). Is it descriptive or narrative?

d) Determine the theme and mood of the poem. What is the poem about? What is the mood of the poem or the mood that the poet is trying to portray? Read the poem again and make note of the emotions you feel (a good poem will evoke an emotion in its readers).

e)      Tell what the poem is about briefly and give its meaning. There may be elements of a story (narrative) present (discuss characters, setting, **theme**, plot, conflict, point of view, etc.) – **and why they strengthen the poem and add to its meaning.**

f) What techniques did the poet use, if any? For example, does the poem contain symbolism, irony, metaphors, and/or similes? **Why they are effective to the theme or meaning of the poem?**

**g)** Put this all together in an essay form with an intro, body and conclusion.