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**Using TPCASTT**

To Analyze Poetry

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| **T Title** | What do the words of the title suggest to you? What denotations are presented in the title? What connotations or associations do the words possess? |
| **P Paraphrase** | Translate the poem in your own words. What is the poem about?  **Paraphrase each stanza separately. If there is only one stanza, paraphrase one sentence at a time.** |
| **C Connotation** | What meaning does the poem have beyond the literal meaning?  **Mark these ideas all over the poem.**  Consider: Form, Diction, Imagery, Point of View, Details, Allusions, Symbolism, Figurative Language, Poetic Devices |
| **A Attitude** | What is the speaker’s attitude? How does the speaker feel about himself, about others, and about the subject? What is the author’s attitude? How does the author feel about the speaker, about other characters, about the subject, and the reader? |
| **S Shifts** | Where do the shifts in tone, setting, voice, etc. occur? Look for time and place, keywords, punctuation, **stanza divisions**, changes in length or rhyme, and sentence structure. What is the purpose of each shift? |
| **T Title** | Reanalyze the title on an interpretive or metaphorical level. What part does the title play in the overall interpretation of the poem? |
| **T Theme** | List the subjects and the abstract ideas in the poem. Then determine the **overall theme**. What message is the author trying to convey? What lesson is being taught? The theme must be written in a complete sentence. |