Guidelines for the analysis of poetry

1)Consider the expectation or the conjecture you can make reading the title.
There is no correct or incorrect answer because you have still to read the poem.
It is also important to consider the atmosphere the title may create.

-read the text

2)consider and analyse the layout (decide what its structure is like: what are its component parts and there functions, how are the different component part connected).

3)Carry out the denotative analysis: say in your own worlds what the poem is about.

4)Analyse all the layer of connotation:
*(1)Consider the sound devices used by the poet and explain it function*
*(2)Consider the lexical choices and the semantic fields chosen by the poet.
 Also consider the verb tense choices and the overall effect created by that style.
 Remember you have to explain how they contribute to the meaning of the text.
(3)Consider syntactical level that is the order in which the words have been arranged. Also consider punctuation (order of words, deviation, punctuation).
(4)Analyse the figures of speech (metaphors and figures of all types) to see how they had meaning or contribute to the meaning of the text.*