Close Reading Objectives: Week Two in Poetry

Beyond standard annotation requirements, please complete the following:

" When I Heard the Learn'd Astronomer" by Walt Whitman

1. Annotate diction used to establish tone. Define unfamiliar terms in the margins.
2. After examining the tone of the author/speaker, compose one tone statement below the poem.
3. Highlight the repetition in lines 1-4. Compose a short statement in the margin analyzing the impact of the repetition on the tone.
4. Annnotate examples of alliteration.
5. Highlight the line which most contributes to the theme of the poem. Compose a theme statement below the poem.