Close Reading Objectives: Week One in Poetry

Beyond standard annotation requirements, please complete the following:

" The Years" by Sarah Teasdale

1. Annotate diction used to establish tone. Define unfamiliar terms in the margins.
2. Annotate examples of alliteration.
3. After examining the tone of the author/speaker, compose one tone statement below the poem.
4. Annotate personification. Paraphrase the purpose of the personification in the margin.
5. Compose a sentence which communicates the theme of the poem.