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Poem Rubric- 15 pt. assignment

(1-4) Feeling comes through indirectly (no explicit statement of love, but the love is felt)

(1-3) Effective (not distracting) use of figurative language, imagery, rhyme, rhythm

(1-3) Good editing- words spelled correctly/ stanza form/ typed

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