

### TP-CASTT Poetry Analysis

<b>T</b>	<b>Title:</b> Before reading the poem, make a prediction about what the poem is about based on the title.
	Some talking directly to failure.
<b>P</b>	<b>Paraphrase:</b> Translate the poem line by line into your own words. Look for complete thoughts and look up unfamiliar words.
	Larkin is saying that failure does not just show up dramatically one day but instead it creeps in and buries itself in him until one day he happens to notice it is there.
<b>C</b>	<b>Connotation:</b> What words or phrases stick out to you? Look for patterns and figurative language, imagery, and sound elements.
	The poet treats Failure as if it were a person or creature, which is personification. He also uses simile when he writes, "I find, Install you at my elbow like a bore". The poet uses figurative language and exaggeration to describe the passing days of the speaker's life in a tedious, meaningless way when he writes, "The chestnut trees are caked with silence. I'm aware the days pass quicker than before, smell staler too."
<b>A</b>	<b>Attitude/Tone:</b> Notice the speaker's attitude toward the subject of the poem. This is the author's tone.
	It seems as though the poet is almost talking to a person he has known a while but doesn't like. The tone is regretful.
<b>S</b>	<b>Shifts:</b> As you look for patterns, also look for contrasts or shifts/changes in poem. Look for changes in language, attitude, setting/imagery, mood, punctuation, other literary devices.
	The language in the first stanza very loud and dramatic. It almost seems as if he is angry. The shift comes in the end where he begins to seem more regretful. The author uses imagery like the example of the dragon and the ghost to portray dramatic anger and the example of the days smelling staler so show his regret.
<b>T</b>	<b>Title:</b> Examine the title again. What does it mean now that you've read the poem? Did the meaning of the title change?
	The theme of the poem is that failure happens and can often go unnoticed. The poet describes this throughout the poem using figurative language and exaggeration.
<b>T</b>	<b>Theme:</b> State what the poem is about (subject) and what the poet is trying to say about subject (theme).
	The theme of the poem is failure. Failure is not out of the ordinary. Failure is simply to realize that there has been no point to your life, and the regret that accompanies it.

