Poetry Reading Checklist

Title of Poem:

Author:

Any rhymes? If so, where do they occur?

Any words or names that are repeated or stand out?

First and last lines:

Does it have a rhyme scheme? If so, what is it?

How is the poem organized? Does it have any stanzas?

What are the major images, similes, or metaphors in the poem?

How does the poem sound? Does it use alliteration or onomatopoeia?

How does the rhythm contribute to the momentum of the poem?

What message is the poet conveying?

What is the mood or tone of the poem?

How do you feel when you read this?

How does this poem connect to you?

Why did you choose it for the collection?