I am offering this poem to you,
and let you warm yourself by this fire,
Since I have nothing else to give.
rest by this fire, and make you feel safe,
Keep it like a warm coat
I love you,
When winter comes to cover you,
Or like a pair of thick socks
The cold cannot bite through,
It’s all I have to give,
I love you,
And all anyone needs to live,
And to go on living inside,
When the world outside
I love you,
I have nothing else to give you,
No longer cares if you live or die;
So it is a pot full of yellow corn
Remember,
To warm your belly in winter,
I love you.
It is a scarf for your head to wear,
When the world outside
Over your hair,
No longer cares if you live or die;
To tie up around your face,
I love you.

Keep it, treasure this as you would
If you were lost, needing direction,
in the wilderness life becomes when mature;
and in the corner of your drawer,
tucked away like a cabin or hogan
in dense trees, come knocking,
and I will answer, give you directions,
Directions: Read the poem “I Am Offering This Poem” quietly to yourself. Read it more than once to get a feel for what the poem is about, who the poet is talking to, and what he is saying. Then, do the following:

1. Locate and label THREE examples of similes from the poem. Explain the similes here:

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3. Locate and label ONE example of personification from the poem:

4. Locate and label TWO examples of refrain from the poem.

5. Answer to question #4 on page 486:
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6. Answer to question #5 on page 486:
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