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Answer plan:

1. Restate the prompt including the poem title and author.
2. Identify the turning point by explaining the contrast between the two “parts”
3. Explain how the poem is meant to shame the reader.
4. Explain the author’s intended purpose for shaming the reader.
5. Explain how this poem shames you.
6. Conclude by discussing the poem’s effectiveness.

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Explain how this poem is meant to be an insult.

Answer plan:

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3. Explain how the poem is meant to be an insult.
4. Explain the author’s intended purpose of insulting the reader.
5. Explain how this poem insults you.
6. Conclude by discussing the poem’s effectiveness.