**The idle life I lead**

**Is like a pleasant sleep,**

**Wherein I rest and heed**

**The dreams that by me sweep.**

**And still of all my dreams**

**In turn so swiftly past,**

**Each in its fancy seems**

**A nobler than the last.**

**And every eve I say,**

**Noting my step in bliss,**

**That I have known no day**

**In all my life like this.**

**Directions: ANNOTATE: mood/feeling/tone on RIGHT; Poetic techniques on LEFT. Write your answers to the questions in complete sentences below NEATLY in INK on the BACK of this page.**

1. What is the tone/mood of the piece? What emotion is expressed? Add TE (words/phrases) within your answer as support.

2. What is the stanza form? Write HOW MANY lines and HOW MANY stanzas.

3. Who is the speaker? Provide reasoning for your choice.

4. What is the best meaning of the word **idle**? Use evidence to support your answer.

5. Explain the meaning of the EXTENDED METAPHOR that compares the speaker’s life to a sleep. Why does the speaker feel this way?