Poetry Terms Quiz Practice

Next to each example, list the literary term or terms you see used in it. Answers will be posted online this weekend.

1. “Once upon a midnight dreary, while I pondered weak weary.”
2. “On the morrow, he will leave me, as my hopes have flown before / Then the bird said ‘Nevermore.’”
3. “I think that I shall never see / A poem as lovely as a tree.”
4. Kindergarteners must learn their ABCs.
5. You could have knocked me over with a feather.
6. She’s not the brightest bulb in the tanning bed.
7. “For life’s not a paragraph / and death I think is no parenthesis.”
8. Janet Jackson experienced a wardrobe malfunction during the Super Bowl XXXVIII halftime show.
9. “Don’t delay dawn’s disarming display.”
10. “The moan of doves in immemorial elms, / And murmuring of innumerable bees.”
11. “Busy old fool, unruly sun, / Why dost thou thus, / Through windows, and through curtains call on us?”
12. “Oh my love’s like a red, red rose / That’s newly sprung in June.”
13. “He was eager to help, but his legs were rubber.”
14. “Fear knocked on the door. Faith answered. There was no one there.”
15. The White House asked the television networks for air time on Monday night.
16. “Some day you will be old enough to start reading fairytales once again.”
17. Gentlemen, you can’t fight in here! This is the War Room.
18. “Those images that yet / Fresh images beget, / That dolphin-torn, that gong-tortured sea.”