



ONE SHEET REVISION

'Piano' by DH Lawrence

Summarise what the poem is about in full sentences:

Annotate the poem with points you remember from your initial study:

Piano

Softly, in the dusk, a woman is singing to me;
Taking me back down the vista of years, till I see
A child sitting under the piano, in the boom of the tingling of strings
And pressing the small, poised feet of a mother who smiles as she
sings.

In spite of myself, the insidious mastery of song
Betrays me back, till the heart of me weeps to belong
To the old Sunday evenings at home, with winter outside
And hymns in the cosy parlour, the tinkling piano our guide.

So now it is vain for the singer to burst into clamour
With the great black piano appassionato. The glamour
Of childish days is upon me, my manhood is cast
Down in the flood of remembrance, I weep like a child for the past.

What is the background to the writing of 'Piano'?

When was this poem written?

How has Lawrence's own experiences influenced his writing?

What is Lawrence's intention in writing this poem?

to highlight

to reflect

to celebrate

to empathise

Language		Structure and form	
	Example and effect		Example and effect
Verbs		Lyric poem	
Sensory language		First person	
Alliteration		Rhyme scheme	
Onomatopoeia		Past and present tense	
Simile		Enjambment	
Metaphor		Repetition	

What other poems in the anthology can we link to this poem to and why?

How does Lawrence explore the theme of memory in his poem 'Piano'?