**The *Odyssey* Name:**

**“Siren Song” Date:**

**DIRECTIONS: Read and annotate the following poem, “Siren Song” by Margaret Atwood, and complete the S.O.A.P.S.Tone below. Use textual evidence where necessary.**

**"Siren Song"**

Margaret Atwood  
  
This is the one song everyone  
would like to learn: the song  
that is irresistible:  
  
the song that forces men  
to leap overboard in squadrons  
even though they see beached skulls  
  
the song nobody knows  
because anyone who had heard it  
is dead, and the others can’t remember.  
Shall I tell you the secret  
and if I do, will you get me  
out of this bird suit?  
I don’t enjoy it here  
squatting on this island  
looking picturesque and mythical  
with these two feathery maniacs,  
I don’t enjoy singing  
this trio, fatal and valuable.  
  
I will tell the secret to you,  
to you, only to you.  
Come closer. This song  
  
is a cry for help: Help me!  
Only you, only you can,  
you are unique  
  
at last. Alas  
it is a boring song  
but it works every time.

**S.O.A.P.S.Tone**

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| **Speaker**  Who is the voice telling the story? |  |
| **Occasion**  What are the time, place, and setting of the piece? |  |
| **Audience**  To whom is the piece directed? |  |
| **Purpose**  What is the purpose or reason this piece was written? |  |
| **Subject**  What are the general topics/and/or/ideas contained in the text? |  |
| **Tone**  What is the attitude or emotional characteristics present in the piece? |  |