**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? |  |