**Root Cellar**

**by Theodore Roethke**

Nothing would sleep in that cellar, dank as a ditch,  
Bulbs broke out of boxes hunting for chinks in the dark,  
Shoots dangled and drooped,  
Lolling obscenely from mildewed crates,  
Hung down long yellow evil necks, like tropical snakes

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Please find the rest of the poem in the internet or an anthology and read the poem. Read at least three times and provide following information for the poem:

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| Persona: |  |
| Tone: |  |
| Mood: |  |
| Figures of Speech: |  |
| Most striking images: |  |
| Meter/ Rhyme Pattern: |  |

Notes/Questions for You

Might this be a confessional/autobiographical poem? Discuss.

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The linear narartive which goes on like list provide a sense of certainty. What kind of an effect does this create on the audience?

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There is a strong contrast between the images employed in the poem and the overall message of the poem. Please discuss this in an essay.

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