**The Waking**

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I wake to sleep, and take my waking slow.

I feel my fate in what I cannot fear.

I learn by going where I have to go.

We think by feeling. What is there to know?

I hear my being dance from ear to ear.

I wake to sleep, and take my waking slow.

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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: |  |
| Formal Properties: |  |

Notes/Questions for You

How old is the persona?

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Which words/expressions of the persona imply his age? ………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………

What is the dominant feel of the poem?

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How do the repetitions in the poem work? Does repetition have an effect on the theme of time ?

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