Whitman’s Poetry Portfolio 2

Due to time restrictions we will discuss only some of the poems from “Song of Myself”. They are numbers 6, 16, 17, 24, and 51. Please choose three of the poems and write one-paragraph interpretations for each poem you have chosen. Whitman’s common themes are unification (of body and soul, individual and society and nature and human beings), democracy, creativity of human beings, sexuality and eroticism (both homosexual and heterosexual), regeneration/resurrection, cataloguing and amassing and equality (of man and woman, black and white). Please discuss how the poems you choose deal with those common themes.