**My Papa’s Waltz**

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The whiskey on your breath

Could make a small boy dizzy;

But I hung on like death:

Such waltzing was not easy.

We romped until the pans

Slid from the kitchen shelf;

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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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Does the word choice of the persona imply his age? Or does the poem sound written by an adult?

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What does the poem say about the parents relationship?

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Does the persona like his mother or father more?

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