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*Roll of thunder
hear my cry
Over the water
bye and bye
Ole man comin'
down the line
Whip in hand to
beat me down
But I ain't
gonna let him
Turn me 'round*

Paraphrase the poem...what is happening? (put it in your own words!)

Who is the speaker (**persona**) in the poem? How would you describe this **persona**?

What is the speaker's tone? Which words reveal this tone?

What words/phrases have unusual or special meanings? Are any words or phrases repeated? If so, why do you think?

What images does the poet use?

What is the theme (**LIFE-LONG LESSON**) of this poem? Can you state it in a single sentence?

How important is the role of sound effects, such as pace and rhythm? (*Does the poem stop every line with a period? Does it keep moving?*) How do this affect tone?

What do you think the thunder represents in this poem?



