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Tears of Goodbye

Open-Ended Response Answer Key

1. The wilted rose serves as a metaphor for the deteriorating and fading love in the relationship, emphasizing the loss and decay of what was once beautiful.
2. The speaker may find the strength to thrive and move forward through time, self-reflection, and the support of friends and family, ultimately healing from the heartbreak.
3. The poem suggests that letting go and moving on from a broken relationship is a painful process, but it is necessary for personal growth and the possibility of finding happiness again.
4. Answers may vary. Students may relate to the feelings of heartbreak and loss if they have experienced the end of a relationship or felt the pain of losing someone they cared about.

