"Dulce et Decorum Est" by Wilfred Owen (Deconstructed) Poetry Explication 11H

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1. What is the rhyme scheme of this poem? For example, ABBA CDDC or AABB CCDD, etc. Line numbers have been provided below.

1	9	17
2	10	18
3	11	19
4	12	20
5	13	21
6	14	22
7		23
8	15	24
	16	25
		26
		27
		28

2. <u>Reading Comprehension</u>: *Summarize* in complete sentences the events that are taking place. (Do not try to interpret or apply meaning just yet. That part will come later.)

Stanza 1

Stanzas 2 & 3

Stanza 4

3.	<u>Tone</u> : What is the overall tone of the poem (complete sentences)?
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4.	<u>Diction</u> : Define in your own words or with a dictionary the following words (line #s provided):
	• shod (6)
	• Five Nines (9)
	• Five-Nines (8)
	• floundering (12)
	• cud (23)

5.	Imagery: Look closely at the first stanza. List 10 words or phrases from lines 1-8 that describe the marching soldiers. Include line numbers.		
	1.	6.	
	2.	7.	
	3.	8.	
	4.	9.	
	5.	10.	
6.	Imagery: Owen describes th	e effects of gas as drowning (14). In complete sentences, explain	

why Owens makes this comparison. Length: 1 paragraph

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7.	The title is loosely translated as "It is sweet and fitting to die for your country." However, Owen calls it "the old Lie" (27). In complete sentences, explain why Owens might believe it is a lie.
8.	Lines 25-28 are a stern rebuke. To whom might Owens direct his rebuke?
9.	What is Owen's overall message? Move past summary and offer your own interpretation. Explain your answer thoroughly in complete sentences. This is not meant to be a repeat of #9 and #10. Think more broadly.