

Tone Vocabulary Words
(Keep this list and add to it.)

satiric	compassionate	whimsical	impartial
dramatic	insipid	learned	pretentious
informative	vibrant	somber	irreverent
urgent	sentimental	confident	moralistic
mock-heroic	complimentary	objective	diffident
contemptuous	sympathetic	ironic	taunting
didactic	concerned	petty	angry
factual	turgid	restrained	sardonic
elegiac	contentious	disdainful	insolent
lugubrious	candid	pedantic	indignant
bantering	condescending	patronizing	flippant
facetious	clinical	mock-serious	benevolent
inflammatory	burlesque	fanciful	detached
cynical	incisive	allusive	scornful
effusive	colloquial		

Remember:

Avoid common or sophomoric tone identification like "sad" or "happy"; more sophisticated tone vocabulary represents your skill as a reader/analyzer of literature. Consult the tone vocabulary and choose a range or multiplicity of tone words in response to a poem or passage. I encourage you to add your own words (voice) to the list.