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- One line I'd like to see you improve is _____ because...
- If I were to add anything to your poem, I would have...
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