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QUESTION: Write an essay in which you (a) explain the difference between lyric and narrative poetry, then (b) incorporate the difference into a detailed close reading (interpretation) of the following poem.

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Nemo¹ Zest² Ta³

Liens⁴ were placed upon my house
Lest I would not move away.
Property is never bound
But when there's want of perfidy.⁵

Or so said lawyers at my door
Questioning my need to flee.
Nemo said he only found
A troubling want of urgency.

Happy in a snug abode⁶
Curtains and a new TV.
Exuberance comes into play
Only on the devil's knee.

Nemo called it much too careful.
It would lead to tuber⁷ rot.
So he sent me out to beg.
I came home to an empty lot.⁸

Round I walked and to and fro.
My legs grew shorter with the snow.
Time passed like an undertow.⁹
It was the price of perfidy.

Then one day, from whence¹⁰ a mystery,
Came to me a cardboard box.
Inside was Nemo soundly sleeping.
Talking in a dream he said:

We discover energy
Only when our stars do fall.
There is no trick or treachery.
Your mother says be good and call.

¹ name of the submarine captain from Jules Verne's 1870 science fiction novel, *Twenty Thousand Leagues Under the Sea*

² passion, enthusiasm

³ father, to a child

⁴ a claim made on property to secure a debt

⁵ an act of betrayal

⁶ home

⁷ root of a plant (like a potato)

⁸ a piece of property with nothing built on it

⁹ current moving a different direction from surface water

¹⁰ where

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