

THE DARKLING THRUSH / AH, ARE YOU DIGGING ON MY GRAVE?

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## Literary Analysis

### TONE

Thomas Hardy is known for his **tone**, or attitude expressed toward his subject. While some critics of his time found Hardy's tone pessimistic, he did not accept this analysis of his work. You can draw your own conclusions about the tone of these poems by considering Hardy's word choices and use of imagery. You can also consider the mood created by each poem's setting.

**Directions:** Complete these diagrams to analyze and compare the tones of these poems. After identifying effective word choices and imagery in each poem, describe the overall mood. Then describe the tone that these elements create. As you analyze the second poem, notice whether the tone is the same or different.

#### "The Darkling Thrush"

<b>Word Choice</b>	<b>Imagery</b>	<b>Mood</b>
<b>Tone</b>		

#### "Ah, Are You Digging on My Grave?"

<b>Word Choice</b>	<b>Imagery</b>	<b>Mood</b>
<b>Tone</b>		