**Inside / Outside Poem – Confronting Stereotypes and Assumptions**

English 9 Name\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**Step 1**: Create five pairs of statements using the following template:

On the outside, I am \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

On the inside, I am \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

On the outside, I am \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

On the inside, I am \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

On the outside, I am \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

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On the inside, I am \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

On the outside, I am \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

On the inside, I am \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

**Step 2:** Expand the statements created above by creating similes that incorporate **adjectives** and **adverbs** . (see reverse)

**Step 3**: The final result will be a 10-line poem that tells the story of how you navigate your interior realm as you move through outer reality and all of its pressures, expectations, and quick glances.

On the outside, I am (**adjective**) like a (**adjective**) (**noun**).

On the inside, I am as (**adverb**) as a (**adjective**) (**noun**).

**Example**: On the outside I am absolute like an adequate soldier.

On the inside, I am calm, like an agile octopus.

On the outside, I am \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ like a \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

On the inside, I am as \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_as a \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

On the outside, I am \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ like a \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

On the inside, I am as \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_as a \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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On the outside, I am \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ like a \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

On the inside, I am as \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_as a \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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