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Thrill of Dread

Directions: Read the excerpt carefully. Highlight or underline **tone words** (words that reveal the author's attitude). Identify the **tone** (Poe's attitude) and the **mood** (the emotional effect on the reader). Use evidence from the passage to support your answers.

Edgar Allan Poe, *The Raven* (excerpt, Stanza 7)

*"And the silken, sad, uncertain rustling of each purple curtain
Thrilled me—filled me with fantastic terrors never felt before;
So that now, to still the beating of my heart, I stood repeating
'Tis some visitor entreating entrance at my chamber door—
Some late visitor entreating entrance at my chamber door;—
This it is and nothing more.'"*

1. Identify at least three **tone words** in the passage.
2. What tone do these words create? Explain your answer.
3. What mood is created for the reader? How do the tone words influence this mood?
4. How does Poe's use of sound (alliteration, rhythm, repetition) add to the tone and mood?
5. If you were to describe the **overall emotional atmosphere** of this stanza in one word, what would it be? Defend your choice.