I saw your mother by Jeremy Cronin

I saw your mother
with two guards
through a glass plate
for one quarter hour
on the day that you died.

'Extra visit, special favour'
I was told, and warned
'The visit will be stopped
if politics is discussed.
Verstaan - understand!?'
on the day that you died.

I couldn't place
my arm around her,
around your mother
when she sobbed.

Fifteen minutes up
I was led
back to the workshop.
Your death, my wife,
one crime they managed
not to perpetrate
on the day that you died.

1. How does the title play on words? (1)
2. What is the meaning of the poem? (2)
3. Refer to stanzaWhich word in stanza 1 tells us that the prospector is unwell? What has caused his suffering? (2)
4. Explain the irony in line 8. (2)
5. Refer to lines 9 – 10.
6. Why is the prospector cursing? (1)
7. What is he digging for? (1)
8. Why does the poet repeat ‘here’? (1)
9. Refer to line 11. Why does he then suddenly sit quite still’? (1)
10. Refer to lines 13 – 14.
11. Identify the figure of speech. (1)
12. Explain why the poet uses it. (2)