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)