Inferring Meaning From The Highwayman



Use the lines from the poem, together with what you know about the poem, to infer extra meaning.

Line from the poem	Feeling and how I know
“His pistol butts a-twinkle, His rapier hilt a-twinkle,”	
“Bess, the landlord's daughter, Plaiting a dark red love-knot into her long black hair.”	
“Tim the ostler listened; his face was white and peaked;”	
“His eyes were hollows of madness, his hair like mouldy hay,”	
“But I shall be back with the yellow gold before the morning light;”	
“They said no word to the landlord, they drank his ale instead,”	
“There was death at every window;”	

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Use lines from the poem, together with what you know about the poem, to match the correct feelings to each section of the poem (you might use some more than once or have your own ideas). Try to explain how you know.
Feelings: indifference, love, obsession, hatred, fear, jealousy, anger

Line from the poem	Inferred meaning
"The wind was a torrent of darkness among the gusty trees."	Fear because darkness infers something negative. Maybe the highwayman is someone bad riding into town with the wind.
"Bess, the landlord's daughter, Plaiting a dark red love-knot into her long black hair."	
"Tim the ostler listened; his face was white and peaked."	
"His eyes were hollows of madness, his hair like mouldy hay, But he loved the landlord's daughter,"	
"Her musket shattered the moonlight, Shattered her breast in the moonlight and warned him— with her death."	
"Back, he spurred like a madman, shrieking a curse to the sky,"	
"When they shot him down on the highway, Down like a dog on the highway,"	

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