My Heart Leaps Up by William Wordsworth

My heart leaps up when I behold
A rainbow in the sky:
So was it when my life began;
So is it now I am a man;
So be it when I shall grow old,
Or let me die!
The Child is father of the Man;
And I could wish my days to be
Bound each to each by natural piety.

1. What kind of poem is this? How do you know?
2. Explain the paradox in the third-last line.
3. What is the theme of the poem?

Is My Team Ploughing
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“Is my team ploughing,
That I was used to drive
And hear the harness jingle
When I was man alive?”

Ay, the horses trample,
The harness jingles now;
No change though you lie under
The land you used to plough.

“Is football playing
Along the river shore,
With lads to chase the leather,
Now I stand up no more?”

1. What type of poem is this? How do you know?
2. What is the meter of lines 5 & 6?
3. Who is the speaker talking to? Where are the speaker and his interlocutor?
4. Explain the last line?