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Print this document. Carefully read, annotate, and analyze the sonnet AND identify the big idea anchor statement and the 6 methods you could elaborate upon in insightful PEEEL paragraphs.

The White House

Claude McKay, 1889 - 1948

Your door is shut against my tightened face,
And I am sharp as steel with discontent;
But I possess the courage and the grace
To bear my anger proudly and unbent.
The pavement slabs burn loose beneath my feet,
And passion rends my vitals as I pass,
A chafing savage, down the decent street;
Where boldly shines your shuttered door of glass.
Oh, I must search for wisdom every hour,
Deep in my wrathful bosom sore and raw,
And find in it the superhuman power
To hold me to the letter of your law!
Oh, I must keep my heart inviolate
Against the potent poison of your hate.

Big Idea:



Methods:

1) _____ 2) _____ 3) _____
4) _____ 5) _____ 6) _____