Song of the open road

When I first saw the title, I interpreted it as, the way of freedom. When I hear open road, I think of it as like you have choices, you have the freedom to go where you want. A difficult line that I read was “Still here I carry my old delicious burdens, I carry them, men women, I carry them with me wherever I go, I swear it’s impossible for me to get rid of them, I am filled with them, and I will them in return.” I was very confused when I read this because of how it was phrased. I figured it out by breaking it down and I think it means that he lives with the mistakes he’s made in his life and no matter what happens the memories will always be with him and he cant get rid of them, but from his mistakes he will grow. The literary devices I spotted in the poem was rhyme even though he has a lot of free versing in the poem. Next is alliteration because he repeats himself. Finally, Iambic perimeter, because it has unlimited lines in the poem. This poem is about the journey of life. He talks about events that’ll happen in an ideal life like finding a partner to travel with you on the road of life, living with the mistakes you’ve made in you’re past and growing from it, be grateful for what you have, and beating the tests that life gives you. I think this poem does make sense because he was about America and this poem kinda resembles the American dream in a way. What I mean by that is America is “the home of the free” and Walt wrote about having the option to do what you want with your life. Another reason it makes sense is because Walt had some hard times in his life growing up in poverty cause his father sold their farm and losing his brother in the civil war, he talked about having the wisdom to overcome obstacles you may face.