Creative Writing Sample

Choose ONE of the following writing exercises and construct a sample showing me a little about yourself as a writer. Be creative, be complete – write between four-six pages, double-spaced. Submit to Turnitin when done.

1. Write a short story/scene placing two characters in this very fundamental conflict: one wants something the other does not want to give. (The something may be anything – money, respect, jewelry, sex, information –but be sure to focus on the one desire.)
2. Imagine a character you really don’t like. Then give him/her one mental habit, desire, fear, love or longing that you have. Write a scene/story in which that trait plays out in a way that readers feel sympathetic toward the character.
3. Begin your story with one of the following lines and go from there…

Nothing was funny about this.

“Where were you last night?”

“Don't move," he whispered.

The scream sounded far away.

I turned away before she could see my face.

The strange blue light shone through the trees.

Someone, or something, was watching.

1. Write a scene/story with two characters in conflict over setting. One wants to go;

one wants to stay. The more interesting the setting you choose, the more interesting the conflict will be.

5. Your character lives alone.  Lately, when s/he goes home from work in the evenings, s/he has the sensation that someone else has been in his/her house during the day.  Things have been subtly moved, and the air smells faintly of smoke (cigarette or wood).