"Solitude" by Anna Akhmatova

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So many stones have been thrown at me,
That I'm not frightened of them anymore,
And the pit has become a solid tower,
Tall among tall towers.

I thank the builders,
May care and sadness pass them by.

From here I'll see the sunrise earlier,
Here the sun's last ray rejoices...
And into the windows of my room
The northern breezes often fly.
And from my hand a dove eats grains of wheat...

As for my unfinished page,
The Muse's stately hand, divinely calm
And delicate, will finish.

Alliteration
Allusion
Symbol
Personification

No fear - a known event

My tower
No matter what happens to them
I'll still be where I am.

No alliteration/personification - Sun's rays are happy
(towards/or over me) / joy in
challenges / setting Sun

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Allusion
Greek & Roman mythology
9 goddesses (daughters of Zeus & Mnemosyne)
Preside over the arts & sciences (Song/poetry)

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Write when ill
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Communists in power
Expelled from Writers Union
Publication of work banned 1925-1953
Forced to burn work