What are character traits?

Character traits are all the parts of a person’s behavior and attitude that make up their personality. These are qualities that cannot be seen on the outside but possessed on the inside. Everyone has both good and bad character traits. When talking or writing about these traits they are most often expressed with descriptive adjectives.

Example: If you were asked to list your best friend's positive character traits you might say they are compassionate, adventurous, and imaginative.

The above example describes a friend’s character traits. To express those qualities we used words like compassionate, adventurous, and imaginative. Those are descriptive adjectives, or expressive words that describe your friend's character.
The things that I'm most thankful for
Are sometimes hard to see,

I'm thankful that I truly feel
No emptiness or death
Of laughter, love, or liberty
Or evidence of worth.
I'm grateful to have self-respect
And faith and hope and pride.

The things that I'm most thankful for
Are things I have inside.
I Have Character

Match each vocabulary word from the poem on the left with the correct definition on the right. Write the letter on the line provided.

1. _____ confidence  a. being an honest and fair person

2. _____ adaptability  b. being able to speak freely

3. _____ self-respect  f. not thinking you are better than others

4. _____ faith  g. a firm trust in oneself or others

Now try this: Find all of the words above in the poem and highlight them.
Think about the poem Hidden Treasures. In the poem the poet talks about the character traits that he is most thankful for. He describes all the good qualities about himself that cannot be seen on the outside, but he possesses on the inside.

Every person has qualities that make them special. Think about yourself. What are some positive character traits that you possess? Maybe you are kind, or generous. Maybe you are smart or ambitious. On the lines below tell what inner qualities you are most thankful for.

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1. g
   - confidence

2. e
   - adaptability

3. a
   - integrity

4. f
   - humility

5. b
   - liberty

6. c
   - self-respect

7. d
   - faith

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