

Grade 6 English Language Arts
Week of March 8 – March 12

Lesson 5: Reading, Writing, & Presenting Spoken Word Poems

Try reading one or both of the following poems in “Spoken Word” style.

If possible, read them with your home facilitator, taking turns and alternating lines.

You may wish to read them more than. Once you "know" the poem, you can **add better expression, be more fluent, and even use some gestures.**

Confidence ~ By Chris

Confidence to take that last minute shot
Confidence to see the future and stand my ground,
Confidence to get out on the field and do my best,
Confidence to ask the teacher questions,
Confidence in the people around me,
Confidence to play sports with the best,
Confidence to just let things be how they are,
Confidence to reject bad influences in my life,
Confidence to speak my mind,
Confidence in losing and winning
Confidence to look others in the eye and be myself,
Confidence to know what I like and what I don't,
Confidence to take the first step in life,
Confidence to look within for the answers,
Confidence to prove myself and all that I can be,
Confidence to never give up.

(Source: https://www.google.ca/search?q=Marsha+Waldman+poetry&ie=utf-8&oe=u8&client=firefox-b&gfe_rd=cr&ei=CmpGV8T6BueV8Qf845uACw#tf-)

Here is another to try!

To Make You Happy ~ By Alexa

I'll make you happy like the elderly woman placing flowers in a vase that has been empty since her children left home.

I'll make you happy like the exhausted warrior seeing the white flag of an enemy waving.

I'll make you happy like the insomniac drifting into a deep sleep.

I'll make you happy like that "after" woman in the weight loss ad.

I'll make you happy like the newly weds buying light bulbs together for the first time.

I'll make you happy like the fragile child choosing the right star to wish on.

I'll make you happy the the one they all under estimated who is now signing autographs.

I'll make you happy like the girl who's getting nothing she asked for but everything she wanted.

I'll make you happy like the blind boy knowing of the moon's true beauty.

I'll make you happy like the friend waiting for you with an umbrella in the downpour.

I'll make you happy like the graffiti artist with a red can of paint and a naked wall.

I'll make you happy like a poet with a blank page of potential.

I'll make you happy like...

Wait.

Did you ever try to make me happy?

No. Oh.

I'll forgive you...

If it would make you happy.

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Now complete your reflections on 'reading" spoken word poems on the following page.

Reading Spoken Word:

1. What went well?

2. What could you improve on?