

Lesson 2: Making your own text or choosing one  
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Homework:

Use the sentence:

To be or not to be

- Say the sentence loudly using these punctuations:

, . ; : ! ? ... - ...-

Like I did in lesson 1, draw what you are saying as a line going 'up' or 'down' in the way that reflects most exactly the way you are saying it

- Write a short letter to yourself or to a loved one

keep it short: use if possible short phrases.

Read it loudly like how you would read loudly any existing text

- same exercises as lesson 1:

Take all the poems:

-Read them

-Read them loudly as often as you want

-Find a way to read the poems, so that you are enjoying reading them.

-Read the poem so that you are 'convincing'.

-Please check while you're reading the punctuation of the poem:

this is very important as the punctuation invites the melody of your voice!

-Don't change words or punctuation. First find a way to stay honest and respectful with all the informations you read in the poem.

-Trust the writer!

-Trust yourself! You can do it!

Poems:

**Mally's Meek, Mally's Sweet**

**By Robert Burns**

**1795**

As I was walking up the street,  
A barefit maid I chanc'd to meet;  
But O the road was very hard  
For that fair maiden's tender feet.

It were mair meet that those fine feet  
Were weel laced up in silken shoon;  
An' 'twere more fit that she should sit  
Within yon chariot gilt aboon,

Her yellow hair, beyond compare,  
Comes trinklin down her swan-like neck,  
And her two eyes, like stars in skies,  
Would keep a sinking ship frae wreck,

Mally's meek, Mally's sweet,  
Mally's modest and discreet;  
Mally's rare, Mally's fair,  
Mally's every way complete.

**Victor Hugo**

**from 'Les Rayons et les ombres'**

**Oh! quand je dors,**

Oh! quand je dors, viens auprès de ma couche,  
Comme à Pétrarque apparaissait Laura,  
Et qu'en passant ton haleine me touche...-

Soudain ma bouche  
S'ouvrira!

Sur mon front morne où peut-être s'achève  
Un songe noir qui trop longtemps dura,  
Que ton regard comme un astre se lève...-

[Soudain]<sup>1</sup> mon rêve  
Rayonnera!

Puis sur ma lèvre où voltige une flamme,  
Éclair d'amour que Dieu même épura,  
Pose un baiser, et d'ange deviens femme...

Soudain mon âme  
S'éveillera!