

Inspired by a popular song from The Sound of Music, these tenth grade students wrote their own versions of the song in the form of a poem. Each poem explores three phases of the poet's life. Read both poems on this page, and talk with a partner about where you see the each poet's three phases. Then discuss each poet's idea development and word choice skills. The lesson that inspired this writing can be found online at the WritingFix website: [http://writingfix.com/I\\_Pod\\_Prompts/Favorite\\_Things1.htm](http://writingfix.com/I_Pod_Prompts/Favorite_Things1.htm)

### **My Favorite Things**

by Stephanie, tenth grade poet

*Arroz con leche*, it tastes really great,  
My wonderful family, which contains more than eight,  
The sight of little kids swinging on swings,  
These are a few of my favorite things.

The touch of rose petals, the clinking of metals,  
The sound of thunder, it makes me wonder,  
The autumn leaves that Fall always brings,  
These are a few of my favorite things.

Living my life, becoming a wife,  
Having children and even grandchildren,  
Getting together at little gatherings,  
These are a few of my favorite things.

When money is stolen,  
When I lose my phone,  
When I feel all alone,  
I simply remember my favorite things  
And then I eat an ice cream cone.



### **My Favorite Things**

by Alissa, tenth grade poet

Cinderella slippers, pink princess dresses,  
Getting all dirty and making messes,  
Putting my Barbies' hair up in bows and in strings,  
These are a few of my favorite things.

Watching the sun rise as the quail are calling,  
Buying new shoes, and going shopping,  
As the rain falls, when the bird sings,  
These are a few of my favorite things.

Sushi on the pier, a stroll on the beach,  
First and second grade, which I would love to teach,  
A husband to hold and children to care for,  
These are a few of my favorite things.

When my makeup runs,  
When my car stalls,  
When I break a nail,  
I simply remember my favorite things  
And then I smile.

