

Inspired by a popular song from The Sound of Music, these ninth 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

My Favorite Things

by Nyasha, ninth grade poet

Walking my dogs and throwing my fits,
Making mud pies and playing with kids,
Living life without stresses and swinging on swings,
These are a few of my favorite things.

The bounce of the ball and me growing tall,
Looking at fine guys and singing my corny lines,
Seeing crisp snow before it is spring,
These are a few of my favorite things.

Seeing him on one knee, unlocking our house with the key,
Watching his beautiful smile, and my dress and that ring,
My husband and I as the queen and the king,
These are a few of my favorite things.

When my phone gets lost,
When my family argues,
When my bipolar moments occur,
I simply remember my favorite things,
And a smile randomly appears.



My Favorite Things

by Yajaira, ninth grade poet

My blanky, my Bratz, and of course my Pollies,
Bright boxing gloves and skates sure did make me jolly,
Dressing up, pretending to have family gatherings,
These are a few of my favorite things.

Music, music, music I love,
The smell of the rain that comes from above,
The necklaces, earrings, my big giant rings,
These are a few of my favorite things.

Sitting and wondering where I will be,
Finishing school is what I do see,
Enjoying all that life tends to bring,
These are a few of my favorite things.

When a moth kills my sleep,
When someone irritates me,
When I am feeling super tired,
I simply remember my favorite things,
And then I don't feel so blue.

