

ELA POETRY CATEGORIES

WORDS/PHRASES

What I SEE	What I HEAR	What I DO or How I MOVE	What I FEEL
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ARTS ELEMENT-SPECIFIC CATEGORIES

ART What I SEE	DRAMA How I SAY the words or What I FEEL	MOVEMENT/DANCE What I DO or How I MOVE	MUSIC What I HEAR
Shapes	Tone	Action	Pitch
Colors	Action	Space	Tempo/Speed
Value	Energy	Speed	Dynamic/Volume
Texture	How I Relate <i>(Personal experiences or feelings)</i>	Energy	Instruments or Sounds
			Mood



The Gift to Sing

**JAMES WELDON
JOHNSON**

1871 - 1938



Sometimes the mist overhangs my path,
And blackening clouds about me cling;
But, oh, I have a magic way
To turn the gloom to cheerful day—
I softly sing.

And if the way grows darker still,
Shadowed by Sorrow's somber wing,
With glad defiance in my throat,
I pierce the darkness with a note,
And sing, and sing.

I brood not over the broken past,
Nor dread whatever time may bring;
No nights are dark, no days are long,
While in my heart there swells a song,
And I can sing.