

For your overhead projector

Two famous poems that can be easily impersonated:

Because I Could Not Stop For Death

by Emily Dickinson

Because I could not stop for Death —
He kindly stopped for me —
The Carriage held but just Ourselves —
And Immortality.

We slowly drove — He knew no haste
And I had put away
My labor and my leisure too,
For His Civility —

We passed the School, where Children strove
At Recess — in the Ring —
We passed the Fields of Gazing Grain —
We passed the Setting Sun —

Or rather — He passed Us —
The Dews drew quivering and chill —
For only Gossamer, my Gown —
My Tippet — only Tulle —

We paused before a House that seemed
A Swelling of the Ground —
The Roof was scarcely visible —
The Cornice — in the Ground —

Since then — 'tis Centuries — and yet
Feels shorter than the Day
I first surmised the Horses' Heads
Were toward Eternity —

We Real Cool

by Gwendolyn Brooks

We real cool. We
Left school. We

Lurk late. We
Strike straight. We

Sing sin. We
Thin gin. We

Jazz June. We
Die soon.

Name: **Two student-written impersonation poems to showcase on the overhead before handing out graphic organizer on next page.**

Instructions: Once you've chosen the famous poem you will impersonate with an original poem, write it (as small as possible) in the left-hand column. If the famous poem is really long, you can just write down a few stanzas, if you wish. Next, count and write down the number of syllables per line. When you write your impersonation poem, be sure your lines have the same amount of syllables.

Write famous poem on this side:	# of syllables:	Draft your poem on this side:
Because I could not stop for Death — He kindly stopped for me — The Carriage held but just Ourselves— And Immortality.	8 6 8 6	Because I did not stop to brush I got a cavity. My dentist drilled a gaping hole In molar number three.
We slowly drove — He knew no haste And I had put away My labor and my leisure too, For His Civility —	8 6 8 6	He numbed me first with Novocain, Then boy did I get drilled. I jerked and jumped with crazy arms While my poor tooth was filled.
We real cool. We Left school. We	4 3	Teeth real bad. Mom So sad. Den-
Lurk late. We Strike straight. We	3 3	-Tist mean. Teeth Get green. Brush
Sing sin. We Thin gin. We	3 3	Them. Yay! Twice A day. Gums
Jazz June. We Die soon.	3 2	Get red. You Floss, Fred.

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