

6-Traits Songs *Modernized!*

Raymond Callahan, Title I teacher/director at Veritas Academy (South Bend, IN) came across the modernized 6-Traits song lyrics written by Reagan Elementary (Brownsburg, IN) fourth grade teacher Elizabeth Werner. Originally, Elizabeth selected popular songs her students were familiar with and adjusted the trait lyrics to fit. Raymond then wrote additional verses to complete the songs. Here are the complete lyrics.



Trait of Ideas—

Sing to Taio Cruz's "Dynamite"

I put my pencil in the air sometimes
Singing A-O! I got ideas!
I'm gonna' write my lists and stay on topic
Singing A-O! I got ideas!

I came to write, write, write, write
In my head I got all my plans, plans, plans, plans
It may put a cramp in both my hands, hands, hands, hands
But I believe in all my fans, fans, fans, fans

Yeah, yeah
My writing goes on and on and on...
And it goes on and on and on...
Yeah!

I put my pencil in the air sometimes
Singing A-O! I got ideas!
I'm gonna' write my lists and stay on topic
Singing A-O! I got ideas!

'Cause we gon' rock this paper
We gon' write all night
We gon' spruce it up
Like it's dynamite!
'Cause I wrote it once
I will write it twice
We gon' spruce it up
Like it's dynamite!

I came to prove, prove, prove, prove
That my mind can move, move, move, move
I'm in the room and I'm gonna' do, do, do, do
Just what the teacher told us to do, do, do, do

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And it goes on and on and on...
Yeah!

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'Cause I wrote it once
I will write it twice,
We gon' spruce it up
Like it's dynamite!

I'm gonna' write it all
I, I'm gonna' be the best one standing
Higher over all
I'm gonna' be the best one standing
'Cause I, I, I believe it
And I, I, I just want it right
And I just want it right
I just want it right
I'm gonna' put my pencil in the air!
Pencil in the air!
Put your pencil in the air, air, air air!

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Like it's dynamite!



Trait of Organization— Sing to Kesha's "Tik Tok"

Writing in the morning, and I feel so witty
Gonna' organize my paper, gonna make it look pretty
'Cause I'll start with a beginning, then a middle and end
When I'm finished with its layout, I'll check transitions again
Using before, however, and also
It is quite so bold yo
Trying to organize oh no
I'm talking about having bold beginnings
The middle is really that easy
The ending will become complete

{Chorus}

Organize on the spot
It will make your paper pop
Today, Imma fight
Get my paragraphs just right
Tik Tok goes the clock
But the organizing won't stop no
Oh, oh, oh, oh
Whoa-oh, oh, oh

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Ain't worrying about organizing this paper, I got it all up here
Ain't got no time for distractions, I'm not in fear
Now, my paragraphs are lining up 'cause they know I got swagger
Tangents will go to the curb unless they are such niggers
Using before, however, and also
It is quite so bold yo
Trying to organize oh no
I'm talking about having bold beginnings
The middle is really that easy
The ending will become complete

{Chorus}

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{Bridge}

I build it up
Transitions clear
My paper, it's there
It's so clear
With my pencil up
Clocks got me now
I've got this round
You won't get me

I build it up
Transitions clear
My paper, it's there
It's so clear
With my pencil up
Put your pencil up
Put your pencil up

Now, the organizing won't stop until I give in

{Chorus}

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Get my paragraphs just right
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Trait of Voice—

Sing to Black Eyed Peas' "I Gotta' Feeling"

I gotta' feeling
And I'll write that I feel so happy
And I'll write that I feel so lonely
And I'll write that I feel so grumpy

I'm overjoyed!
So that's my voice
I feel annoyed!
And that's my voice
Go out and write it
Like, oh my voice!
Your words will show it
The tone's your choice

And I'll write that I feel so happy
And I'll write that I feel so lonely
And I'll write that I feel so grumpy

I know that we'll write it all
If we just go out and we just answer the call
I feel stressed out and I wanna' let it go
Feel I'm losing, losing control

Gotta' feeling
And I'll write that I feel so happy
And I'll write that I feel so lonely
And I'll write that I feel so grumpy
Fill up that space
Feelings
Look at her anger
Just shrug it off
Let's write it down
We're going to town
Let's turn it loose, and then do it again
Let's do it {6X}
Let's do it {2X}
Let's do it, do it, do it
Let's do it {3X}

'Cause I gotta' feeling
And I'll write that I feel so happy
And I'll write that I feel so lonely
And I'll write that I feel so grumpy



Trait of Word Choice— Sing to Lady Gaga’s “Poker Face”

I want to roll with words, a pro that I will be
Use ‘em, let ‘em, work it, praise it they will truly see (I love it)
Writing game, and word choice play the nouns and verbs to start
After they’ve been hooked, I’ll play the adjective on noun’s heart

Oh, oh, oh, oh, ohhhhh, oh oh e oh oh oh
I’ll give it a shot, show the words that I got
Oh, oh, oh, oh, ohhhhh, oh oh e oh oh oh
I’ll give it a shot, show the words that I got
{chorus}

Can read my
Can read my
Yes, you can read my purple words
Strong verbs and adjectives
Can read my, can read my
Yes, you can read my purple words
The best words are descriptive
P P P Purple Words, my P Purple words
P P P Purple Words, my P Purple words

I wanna’ roll with words a pair that we will be
A little word choice is so fun when it’s set free (I love it)
Adverbs are great when used correctly now I’m done
And vibrant words make all the rules and papers so much fun

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Oh, oh, oh, oh, ohhhhh, oh oh e oh oh oh
I’ll give it a shot, show the words that I got

{Chorus}
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I will use you not abuse you
Help is needed
‘Cause I’m fluffin’, with my words
I’m not denying,
I’m just stunnin’ with my word bank gunnin’
Just like a kid in a great classroom
Take your word choice seriously
I promise this, promise this
Check this paper ‘cause I marvelous

{Chorus 3X}
Can read my
Can read my
Yes, you can read my purple words
Strong verbs and adjectives
Can read my, can read my
Yes, you can read my purple words
The best words are descriptive
P P P Purple Words, my P Purple words
P P P Purple Words, my P Purple words

3X
P P P Purple Words, my P Purple words
P P P Purple Words, my P Purple words



Trait of Sentence Fluency— Sing to Miley Cyrus’s “Party in the U.S.A.”

I looked at my paper could it be better?
With a variety on my end
Welcome to world of fluency
Where’s it gonna’ fit in?

Jumped on the job
This isn’t my first time
Look to the left and I see the huge sign
This can get much better
The sentences will flow like a river

My writings churning and I’m feelin’ kinda of sassy
So much fluency and I’m nervous
That when the teacher came, turned on the overhead
Said the writing’s on the wall
The writing’s on the wall
The writing’s on the wall

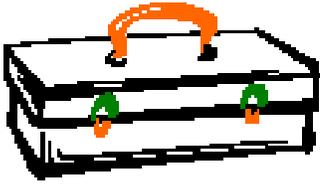
{Chorus}
So I write my first words
They’ll make a statement
Are the sentences easy to read?
Writing some short, like yeah
Writing some long, like yeah
So I’ll write me some more words,
With rhythm and grace
You’ll read it out loud easily
Y-e-a-h, it’s called sentence fluency
Y-e-a-h, it’s called sentence fluency

It’s flowing now on my paper yeah
It’s not as fluent as it could be
Like, “How can this be made better?”
It’s gotta’ be easy

So hard with my teacher not around me
It’s definitely not a fluency party
’Cause all I see is short ones
I got to make the flow more now

My writings churning and I’m feelin’ kinda of sassy
So much fluency and I’m nervous
That when the teacher came, turned on the overhead
Said the writings on the wall
The writing’s on the wall
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{Chorus 3X}
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Are the sentences easy to read?
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Trait of Conventions— Sing to Cee Lo Green’s “Forget You”

I see I made a mistake on rough draft there and I’m like
I’ll correct you! Ooh, Ooh, Ooh!
I may have missed a comma or a question mark there, I’m
I’ll correct you! Ooh, Ooh, Ooh!
And correct that too

You know I’m sorry, I misspelled Ferrari
But that don’t mean I can’t fix it there
I guessed on Xbox and the word Atari
But conventions will help me here

I’ll fix my commas too that splice some sentences in two
(Just wanted to edit better, to show my skills better)

Well, ooooooooooh
I corrected my capitalization too
Go on and punctuate that paper right now

I see I made a mistake on rough draft there and I’m like
I’ll correct you! Ooh, Ooh, Ooh!
I may have missed a comma or a question mark there, I’m like
I’ll correct you! Ooh, Ooh, Ooh!
And correct that too

Said if I was quicker, I’d edit better
Ha now that’s an edit (now that’s an edit)
Although editing can put a pain in my chest
I still edit it the best and
Correct you

Now I know, I had to edit
Erase and erase, and mark that sheet
Trying to edit ya’, trying to please ya’
I’m gonna’ make the paper nice and clean

I’m using the too-oo-ools that helps the reader, too
(Just thought I’d edit better, to show my skills better)
Ooooooooooooooh
I’ve got some news for you
This paper’s really edited right now

I see I made a mistake on rough draft there and I’m like
I’ll correct you! Ooh, Ooh, Ooh!
I may of missed a comma or a question mark there, I’m like
I’ll correct you! Ooh, Ooh, Ooh!
And correct that too

Said if I was quicker, I’d edit better
Ha now that’s an edit (now that’s an edit)
Although editing can put a pain in my chest
I still edit it the best and
Correct you

Now paper, paper, paper
Why do you need an edit so bad?
(so bad, so bad, so bad)
I tried to tell my teacher but she told me
“I need to edit a tad”
(a tad, a tad, a tad)
Yes she did
And I was like
Huh! Whhy? Huh! Whhy? Uh! Why edit?
Oh! I see why!
I can be a pro like you.....oooooh!

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I’ll correct you! Ooh, Ooh, Ooh!
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