

## Double Voice Poetry

Double-voice writing is used to convey two perspectives or two people's viewpoints simultaneously. It can also convey two conflicting views within a person as she struggles to make a decision, or a person's reaction to something she is viewing or experiencing. You can present this type of writing in various ways:

1. in two columns
2. in regular type and italics or bold; or using 2 very different fonts
3. with information mixed in with questions or comments about the information (as interruptions)

This activity is excellent for helping student see issues from multiple perspectives and to develop the trait of voice. I have also used this activity as a lead in to argumentative writing and a way for my students to explore two or more sides of a controversial topic.

### I've Never Known

My inner voice is barely heard  
I've never known

What it's like to live  
With a birthfather.  
He has  
**Never**  
Been there for me.  
I have  
**Never**  
Seen his face  
Love, love, love

Is something I've  
Never received

#### **Protection**

And love is what I need.  
Growing up, I had no father

Father.  
His name is Mike,  
So I'm told.  
Blue eyes.

They are mine.

#### **He will**

**Always**  
Complete me.  
I wish I could  
Meet him.

He is my  
Birth-  
Father.

My outer voice is mostly heard

But I do know  
What it's like to live  
With a stepfather.  
He has  
**Always**  
Been there for me.  
I have  
**Always**  
Seen his face.  
Love, love, love  
Is what I get  
From him.

He cares for me and gives me

#### **Protection**

Growing up,  
I had no father  
But that soon changed.  
My mother married  
And so I had a step-  
Father.

His name is James.  
Blue eyes.

Looks like me.

I may resemble him, but

#### **He will**

**Never**  
Complete me.  
We've been through  
Good times and bad times

He is my  
Step-  
Father.