Two Voice Poems

Two voice poems are poems intended to be performed by two readers. They typically communicate two perspectives on a particular topic or theme.

Study Habits: A Poem for Two Voices

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| I expect to get a good mark on this test.  I spent all week studying. It was torture, but it was worth it.  I’m going to get an iPod.  I feel so confident. This is such a wonderful day! | Oh my God! I’m going to fail.  I spent all week playing video games. So much fun. I finally beat the last level.  If I fail, I’m going to have to go to summer school.  My heart is pounding so hard, I think it will jump out of my body any second. |
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| The teacher is handing out the test! | |
| Perfect as always. A glittery, smiley sticker beside my perfect score. Another great addition to my perfect test papers! | I’m going to die! Scribbled on the top of the test, in red, were the words “See me after school.” |
| I got the mark I deserved! | |

Normal: A poem for two voices.

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| My life was ruined when I was diagnosed with leukemia years ago.  I have breakfast in bed – through tubes.  People treat me like a one year old.  I can’t go to school. I learn through flashcards.  People think I have no feelings.  I want to play 7th grade sports again.  I hate how people look at me. | I’m perfectly healthy and smarter than all the others.  I go downstairs with cereal everyday.  I’m treated like a 20 year old.  I’m 6 years advanced. I still get straight A’s.  My family praises me everyday.  I want to go back to Grade 7.  I hate how my parents think too highly of me. |
| I wish I was…  Normal. | |