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1. “The Arrow and the Song”

by Henry W. Longfellow

I shot an arrow into the air,
It fell to earth, I knew not where;
For, so swiftly it flew, the sight
Could not follow it in its flight.

I breathed a song into the air,
It fell to earth, I knew not where;
For who has sight so keen and strong
That it can follow the flight of song?

Long, long afterward, in an oak
I found the arrow, still unbroke;
And the song, from beginning to end,
I found again in the heart of a friend.

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Comprehension Questions

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Assess each student’s comprehension of the selection by asking him or her to respond orally to the following questions one on one with you:

1. **Literal** What two things did the author put out in the air?
 - » an arrow and a song
2. **Inferential** Why did the author lose these things?
 - » The arrow flew away too fast to follow it with sight. Nobody can see a song to follow where it goes.
3. **Literal** Where did the author find the arrow?
 - » The arrow was found unbroken in an oak (tree).
4. **Inferential** What happened to the song?
 - » The author found it in a friend’s heart, meaning a friend knew the song.