**I Lost My Talk** [**RITA JOE**](https://poetryinvoice.ca/read/poets/ritajoe13442)

I lost my talk

The talk you took away.

When I was a little girl

At Shubenacadie school.

You snatched it away:

I speak like you

I think like you

I create like you

The scrambled ballad, about my word.

Two ways I talk

Both ways I say,

Your way is more powerful.

So gently I offer my hand and ask,

Let me find my talk

So I can teach you about me.

1. What quote stands out to you and embodies the main idea of this poem? Write out the line and explain your rational.
2. What is a poetic device used in the poem that enhances your understanding of the poem?
3. Do you find the poem effective in its message and why?