**Response Piece**

For your next piece, I want you to challenge yourself to change a famous work into your own. Model your own words after famous authors’! You may use the poem below and tweak it how you like, or you can use another poem or song and adapt it to better fit your essay. Read the examples below and then let’s try one together.

When I Heard the Learn’d Astronomer (Walt Whitman)

When I heard the learn’d astronomer

When the proofs, the figures, were ranged in columns before me,

When I was shown the charts and diagrams, to add, divide, and measure them,

When I sitting heard the astronomer where he lectured with much applause

In the lecture-room,

How soon unaccountable I became tired and sick,

Till rising and gliding out I wandered off by myself,

In the mystical moist night-air, and from time to time,

Looked up in perfect silence at the stars.

When I Heard the Learn’d Professor (Michelle Cox) \*\*\*RESPONSE PIECE\*\*\*

When I heard the learn’d professor

When the theories, the articles, the arguments were ranged in piles before me,

When I was shown the coded student discourses, to add, divide, and measure them,

When I sitting read what the professor published with much applause

In the field,

How soon unaccountable I became tired and sick,

Till rising and gliding I wandered off by myself,

Into the mystical charged space of my classroom

And appreciated in perfect silence my students as they wrote.

**Now, let’s try one together…**

When I heard the learn’d \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

When the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, and the\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ were ranged in piles before me,

When I was shown the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, to add, divide, and measure them,

When I sitting \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ with much applause

In the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_,

How soon unaccountable I became tired and sick,

Till rising and gliding I wandered off by myself,

Into the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

And \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.