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Model Poem on Your Own Topic

In the poem "I Hear America Singing," Whitman celebrates the diversity of American life, focusing on individuality. This poem is a list poem—Whitman lists or catalogues the people he hears "singing." Fill in the blanks of the model poem below to create your own version of this poem. Where appropriate, indicate the pronoun by circling your choice.

"I Hear _____ Singing"

I hear _____ singing, the varied carols I hear.
Those of _____, each one singing _____ as it should be
_____ and _____.

The _____ singing (his/hers/theirs) as (he/she/they)
_____ (his/her/their) _____
or _____.

The _____ singing (his/hers/theirs) as
(he/she/they) makes ready for _____, or leaves off
_____.

The _____ singing what belongs to (him/her/them) in (his/her/their)
_____, the _____ singing on
the _____.

The _____ singing as (he/she/they) sits on (his/her/their)
_____, the _____ singing
(his/hers/theirs) as (he/she/they) _____

The _____ song, the _____'s on
(his/her/their) way in the _____, or at
_____ or at _____.

The _____ singing of the _____, or of the young
_____ at _____, or of the _____ or
_____.

Each singing what belongs to him or her and to none else.

The _____ what belongs to the _____—
at _____ the _____ of
_____.

Singing with open mouths their strong melodious songs.