

I've really got to stop eavesdropping on other teachers' lessons. On this particular day, my neighboring biology teacher's lesson was on the differences between tree nuts and ground nuts (aka peanuts). As is my wont, I personified the nuts in question and developed a monolog in which a tree nut is trying to fight his fate.

There are, naturally, literary allusions in the poem. Specifically, you may detect a version of Hamlet's aside regarding whether or not he should commit suicide. Later, there is deference paid to Maya Angelou's "I Know Why the Caged Bird Sings," one of my favorite poems.