

Young, Gifted and Eloquent (Student's version)

I need to speak with perfect diction
With animation and conviction;
To clearly get my message across,
So that my intention is not lost.

I say a prayer, as I take the stage,
Accepting the challenge to engage.
I've done my homework, and now ascend
To the podium to speak to friends.

I will stand straight, anchored to a spot,
To give the audience all I've got.
Single Thought One Person, as I stare
Into the faces to show I care.

Entertain, inform and motivate,
To demonstrate, persuade and debate.
Impromptu and through oratory,
I speak with passion to tell my story.

When I decide to move, as I pace,
I may stop and gesture, stand in place.
For movement is used to emphasize,
The poise and confidence in my eyes.

I am breathing from the diaphragm,
Using word pictures to diagram
The message that I want them to hear;
Presented concisely, crystal-clear.

With pitch and pacing, volume and tone;
Know my audience and when they're known;
My body and voice are instruments.
I am young, gifted and eloquent.