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## Poetic Voices

**Directions:** Read the poem **silently** once to understand the meaning. Read the poem **aloud** two times:

- First, focus on **rhythm and pacing** by following line breaks and punctuation.
- Second, add **expression and emotion**, thinking about how the poem makes you feel.

Practice with a partner or small group and listen to how each person's expression changes the poem. After practicing, complete the comprehension questions.



### The Lantern's Glow

A lantern flickers in the night,  
It pushes back the dark with light.  
The shadows dance along the wall,  
Yet still the glow seems small, so small.  
  
The traveler lifts it high with care,  
And sees the pathway waiting there.  
Though winds may whisper, wild and low,  
The lantern's flame will always glow.

### Questions

1. What object is the central focus of the poem?
2. How do shadows and light contrast in the first stanza?
3. What does the lantern symbolize for the traveler?
4. How could you read the second stanza with expression to show hope or determination?