

Teacher model:

Draft #1

It was the funniest of jokes, it was the sourest of jokes, it was meant to be funny, it was intended to be tragic, it was humor of the absurd, it was humor of the intelligent, it was the highlight of the day, it was the day's low point, it was like a summer from my childhood, it was the fall of innocence, we wanted to laugh, we wanted to weep, we should have published the joke, we should have burned it to never be seen again--in short, we had hoped would be the joke that kept us together, but it became the joke that tore our friendship apart.

Draft #2

While it was the funniest of jokes, it was the sourest of jokes too. We meant it to be funny, but we meant it to be tragic as well. It was humor of the absurd; moreover, it was humor of the intelligent. After it was the highlight of our day, it became our day's low point. It was like a childhood summer day, yet it was our fall from innocence. Even though we wanted to laugh, we wanted to weep. We should have published the joke; however, we should have burned it to never be seen again. In short, what we had hoped would be the joke that kept us together became the joke that tore our friendship apart.