

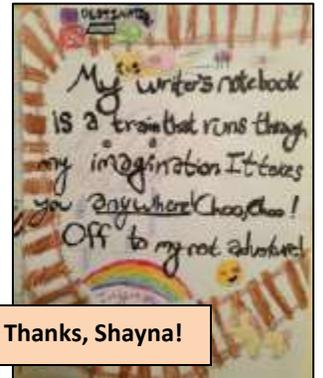
This [four-metaphor poem](#) was intended to be share with students who are maintaining their own notebooks.

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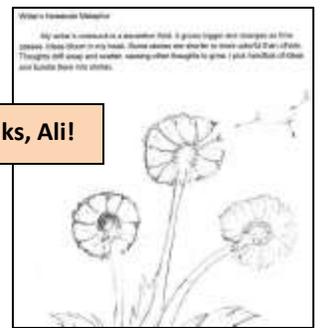
## My Writer's Notebook

a poem by Mr. Harrison that was inspired by four students who use writer's notebooks too.

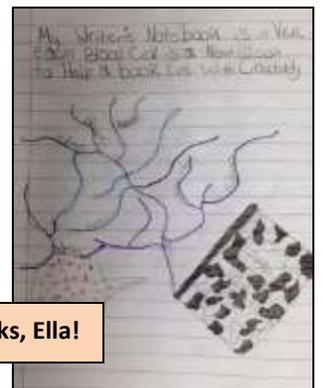
Have you ridden one? A train, I mean...  
Been on the right track,  
Racing on steam or racing on coal but  
Sprinting towards a potentially good idea.  
Pencil above, notebook below, and  
Your hand to serve as engineer, conductor, and as ticket seller.  
A writer drives the train, keeps us safe, and sells dreams to destinations.  
Have you started your writer's notebook yet? You should...



Have you ever pulled one from a field? A dandelion, I mean...  
Been aware that it's both a weed and flower as you  
Hunkered down above it,  
Grasping for its deeply rooted tendrils.  
Notebook ideas can be weeds or flowers,  
Or they are something in between that serves as both.  
While jotting ideas in your notebook, ask "Weed seed?  
Flower seed? In-between seed?" All should thrive in your writer's notebook.  
Have you been growing your writer's notebook yet? You should...



Have you ever stared at the droplet? Of blood on your fingertip, I mean...  
Been captivated by what you can and can't see inside it,  
Penning personal words in blood, figuratively of course,  
Spilling your heart across the page like a warrior with words.  
Notebook ideas can turn so real, so emotional, that  
Writing them down can be as painful or exhilarating as falling and  
Sometimes skinning a knee or palm.  
Blood and writing, both might turn messy.  
Have you bled an idea in your notebook yet? You should...



Have you ever held one in your hands? A caterpillar, I mean...  
Been awed by its colorful crawl across your skin,  
Tickling while inching towards maturity, but  
Inching--because before your idea can fly mile high--  
It must start off as an inch across your fingers.  
Putting an idea in a notebook before exploring it further  
Is the idea's opportunity to inch and grow.  
Has a caterpillar visited your notebook yet? It will...

