

[The Mentor Text]

**Invitation**

If you are a dreamer, come in,  
If you are a dreamer, a wisher, a liar,  
A hope-er, a pray-er, a magic bean buyer...  
If you're a pretender, come sit by my fire  
For we have some flax-golden tales to spin.  
Come in!  
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Shel Silverstein



[New Version]

**Invitation**

(with apologies to Shel Silverstein)

If you are a swimmer,  
Dive in!

All you beginners  
and sprinters  
and milers  
and racers  
and pacers  
and flyin' freestylers,

Even if you're an Olympic time-trialer,

If you love the water,  
Come swim for a while for

We have some memorable races to win.

Dive in!

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Assignment: Think about things that interest you. Imitating the models above, write a poem of your own in which you invite someone into your area of expertise or interest.

[My Version]

## **Invitation (to Thompson's Class)**

(with further apologies to Shel Silverstein)

If you are a student,  
Come in!

All you ninth graders,  
You walkers and talkers,

You writers, you poets,  
You psychopath stalkers:

If you're ready for brain work,  
Step into this class,

For we're getting ready  
To make sure that you'll pass.

And we have some powerful novels to read,  
Thoughtful short stories to sow a deep seed  
And cause so much brain work that your ears will **BLEED!**

But never worry  
'cuz you're among friends  
As we navigate mazes  
And roads full of bends

With a teacher who's crazy  
(Or, at least, who pretends ;-)

Come in!

Let's begin!