

A Dance With Astair

Benny Goodman's clarinet ¹
sweetly sings "Body and Soul."²
I am called to another time. ³
As the cd spins round in my pc, ⁴
my mind drifts to a ballroom of yesteryear. ⁵
The band plays; I dance with Astair. ⁶
Although I don't know the steps, ⁷
Fred glides on the floor, and I float on air. ⁸
We circle the floor, and everyone stands aside. ⁹
When the song fades, I awake from my dream. ¹⁰
I see only the computer screen. ¹¹
somerly returns ¹²
The present. ¹³



- Choose a favorite hobby, movie, famous person, family member, sport.
- Think of descriptions that apply to that choice.
- Use the following format.
 - line 1 = subject (include a noun and adjective for that noun)
 - line 2 = predicate phrase (include a verb and an adverb)
Benny Goodman's clarinet / sweetly sings "Body and Soul."
 - line 3 = Simple sentence (independent clause)
 - line 4 = Dependent or Subordinate clause
 - line 5 = Independent clause
As the cd spins round in my pc, + my mind drifts to a ballroom of yesteryear.
 - line 6 = Compound sentence (I + I)
The band plays. + I dance with Astair.
 - line 7 = Dependent or Subordinate clause
Although I don't know the steps, ⁷
 - line 8 = Compound-Complex (D + I + I or I+D+I or I + I + D)
Although I don't know the steps, + Fred glides on the floor + I float on air.
 - line 9 = Compound sentence (I + I)
We circle the floor + Everyone stands aside.
 - line 10 = Complex sentence
When the song fades, + I awake from my dream.
 - line 11 = Simple sentence
I see only the computer screen.
 - line 12 = predicate phrase (include a verb and and adverb)
 - line 13 = subject
The present / somerly returns. (Turn the sentence around)
S + Predicate P + S

Sinewy muscles contract quickly. ——— Simple sentence
 I run around the curve. ——— Simple sentence
 As pain pricks my mind, I refocus on the goal. ——— Complex sentence
 My legs push forward; my arms pump rapidly. ——— Compound sentence
 As I pound onward, I cover the ground; I close in on the line. ——— Compound-Complex sentence
 The cries from the crowd rise, and I feel energized. ——— Compound sentence
 As the cheers become louder, my pace quickens. ——— Complex sentence
 I only sense the finish now. ——— Simple sentence
 stretches across my chest the white ribbon. ——— Simple sentence
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My Mother at the Sink

Light German words and phrases
 sweep through the kitchen on melodic notes.
 My mother stands at the sink.
 As her hands scrub the dishes,
 her voice carries the tunes of her childhood.
 I know she thinks of her father, and his memory comes through song.
 As he attended his chores,
 he sang the old German songs of his youth, and his little daughter listened intently.
 She became a mother, and the songs became her link.
 Through these tunes, she conjures her father's essence.
 I learn of a strong, German farmer.
 introduce me to my unknown grandfather
 My mother's songs.