

# Teacher's Copy for Students

**i live in music**

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Part One: Pick your place or your thing you love and that's what you live in. The underlined words will be replaced with words related to what you love/live in,

i live in music  
is this where you live?  
i live here in music  
i live on c# street  
my friend lives on b-flat avenue  
do you live here in music

Part Two: Describe what it does, the actions of this thing you love/live in.

sound  
falls round me like rain on other folks  
saxophones wet my face  
cold as winter in st. louis  
hot like peppers i rub on my lips  
thinkin they waz lilies

Part Three: Describes how this thing you love/live in is part of you.

i got 15 trumpets where other women got hips  
& a upright bass for both sides of my heart  
i walk round in a piano like somebody  
else be walkin on the earth  
i live in music  
live in it  
wash in it  
i cd even smell it  
wear sound on my fingers  
sound falls so fulla music

ya cd make a river where yr arm is &  
hold yrself  
hold yrself in music

**Directions: You can copy and paste the poem and then just try replacing the underlined parts with your own words.**