

Overview of Teaching Resources

Harshman's poetry includes rich and robust vocabulary and exquisite figurative language. Like all truly great poems, his work should be read multiple times to appreciate the nuances of his writing. Students should be encouraged to read the poem silently once or twice before the poem is read aloud. Students should also be reminded to read until the natural pauses are found with marks of punctuation instead of slowing at the end of a line of poetry.

Zoom In

- strategies to help students closely examine individual poems from Marc Harshman's collection of poetry, *Following the Silence*
- deep dive into the content, style, and meaning of the poems
- [Link to Resource](#)

Zoom Out

- strategies to help students review the sections and the collection as a whole
- compare & contrast elements, analyze themes, and make broad connections
- [Link to Resource](#)

In addition to the resources listed above, there are plenty of additional educational resources with information about Marc Harshman, his work as poet laureate, his collection of work, and audio/video recordings of his readings available online. Teachers are encouraged to checkout resources at <https://www.shepherd.edu/ahwirweb/harshman/>, <https://marcharshman.com/>, and <https://www.voicesofwv.org/marcharshman>.