**Resource 2.5** Format for Bio-Poem With Sample

## How to Write a Bio-Poem

(Line 1) First name

(Line 2) Three or four adjectives that describe the person

(Line 3) Important relationship (daughter of ..., mother of ..., etc)

- (Line 4) Two or three things, people, or ideas that the person loved
- (Line 5) Three feelings the person experienced
- (Line 6) Three fears the person experienced
- (Line 7) Accomplishments (who composed ..., who discovered ..., etc.)
- (Line 8) Two or three things the person wanted to see happen or wanted to experience
- (Line 9) His or her residence
- (Line 10) Last name

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Here is an example of an 11-line Bio-Poem. See if you can determine how the lines of this Bio-Poem differ from our directions, and then consider modifying our handout and directions for your purposes.

## **Bio-Poem Sample**

June

Vivacious, loving, passionate, spiritual

Wife of Harold, mother of Eden and Case

Who loved her sister, reading, and sunshine

Who hated injustice, ignorance, and discrimination and loved helping humanity

Who feared disappointing those she loves most and not reaching her full potential

Who discovered she could change thoughts, moods, and attitudes with her voice

Who wanted the earth made into a paradise, and all living in peace and harmony

Born in North Carolina and living in Atlanta

Humphrey