

Assignment Prompt: Think of your grammatical nemesis—is it comma use, wordiness, run-ons, etc.? Now choose a well-known song melody (your favorite song, a Christmas carol, even a nursery rhyme) and add lyrics about your grammatical obstacle. Be specific: offer lyrics that both identify and fix the problem. Feel free to use ideas (even whole lines) from my grammar PowerPoints and/or songs. (Note to Instructors: This prompt can be narrowed from overall “grammatical nemesis” to “the punctuation mark that gives you the most trouble” or to “your main grammatical error,” etc.—i.e., to some specific grammatical area. This narrowing is suggested if a teacher uses Grammar Jam two or three times during the semester.)