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Found Poetry: About Céline Dion

An activity of "Singer's comeback against all odds"

Read "Singer's comeback against all odds" (page 24, *What's Up* October 2026). Superstar Céline Dion had become very ill with a condition that affected her ability to sing. But, she was determined to perform again. To applaud her amazing comeback, compose a Found Poem.

1a) To warm up, watch the following short clips about Céline Dion's comeback.

Céline Dion Shares Health Update Ahead of Return to Stage

<https://youtu.be/qRoH2NniJwM?si=RuhdFQ4VLvTsVZcB>

(Good Morning America, 19 Aug 2026)

Céline Dion - Paris 2026 - Week 1 Recap [Official Video - HD]

<https://youtu.be/BNK9jVA0GLE?si=iqb4yxAHIEuUWWs2>

(Céline Dion, 25 Sep 2026)

1b) Finish the following thought after watching the clips.

To me, Céline Dion's comeback is not just about singing again. It is about

2a) Next, learn how to create a Found Poem by following the steps in this video.

"Found Poetry" with Rich in Colors

https://youtu.be/NYV4YPX8cII?si=QgxbQo0H_I5GdhkM

(Rich in Colors, 20 March 2020)

2b) Using the words from the Céline-Dion *What's Up* story, create a Found Poem based on the theme of Courage, Resilience or any other theme you feel applies.

Consider:

- words or phrases in the article linked to your chosen theme
- one word or short phrase in the article that you find powerful
- the message you want to convey through your poem
- how you hope readers will connect with your poem.

Use this text to create your Found Poem about Céline Dion.

Singer's comeback against all odds. After getting diagnosed with a rare disorder, singer Céline Dion thought that she might never be able to control her voice again. On 12 September, singing legend Céline Dion returned to the stage and performed to a sold-out crowd. Celebrities like Rihanna, Kim Kardashian, Oprah Winfrey, and former US first lady Michelle Obama were among the 35,000 fans who watched Dion's opening night. It kicked off her 26-concert series in Paris, France. "I made a promise to be back on stage. So here I am, singing for you and singing for me, singing live!" Dion told the audience. The concert residency in Paris is a huge milestone for the 58-year-old superstar. The last time she performed live was high up on the Eiffel Tower for the 2024 Summer Olympics opening ceremony. Before that, her last public performance was in 2020. For about 17 years, Dion secretly struggled with strange and mysterious symptoms that left doctors baffled. In 2022, she was finally diagnosed with Stiff Person Syndrome or SPS. SPS is a rare brain disorder. It is so rare that only one or two people out of a million get it. It makes muscles lock or freeze in place and causes painful spasms. Dion feared that her vocal cords would lock up and she would not be able to sing. Courage to continue. Even though Dion is back to performing, SPS has no cure. Instead, Dion sticks to a strict medical treatment plan and intense physical and vocal therapy sessions to manage it. Her documentary *I Am: Céline Dion* showed just how serious her seizures can be. But, it also showed her incredible determination and courage to keep going despite her condition. Dion is considered one of the greatest singers in music history. She is famous for hitting high, powerful notes with ease. Already famous, she rose to international stardom when she sang "Beauty and the Beast" for the 1991 Disney movie. She gained even wider recognition in 1997 with "My Heart Will Go On", the theme song for the movie *Titanic*. The song is so iconic that it was added to the Library of Congress' National Recording Registry last year. This is a place in the United States where recordings that have cultural or historical significance are preserved for future generations. Her music is also reaching a new audience, thanks to social media. Some may recognise her songs through viral videos and trending clips. One example is the lip-sync trend where people use fake microphones and ring lights to recreate stage effects as they lip-sync dramatically to Dion's "It's All Coming Back to Me Now". There is also the hilarious out-of-tune recorder version of "My Heart Will Go On" that has become a sound effect for funny dramatic fail clips.

2c) Just like the examples in the video, you can turn your poem into visual poetry too! Your artwork should help you to communicate the meaning of your poem.

Have fun creating! In the process, find your voice too.