

Reading Skill

COMPARE SPEAKERS

Although a poet may speak with his or her own voice in a poem, the **speaker** is often a voice or character made up by the writer. Two poems by the same writer may therefore have very different speakers.

Directions: As you read the two poems, record the images and words that directly express or imply the speaker’s feelings toward the poem’s subject. An example has been done for you. Then complete the sentences that follow the chart by describing the speakers.

"On My First Son"	"Song: To Celia"
"O could I lose all father now!"	

- The speaker in "On My First Son" is probably _____

- The speaker in "Song: To Celia" is probably _____
