

# Reflective Essay

## REVISING AND EDITING 1

The following model is an excerpt from a draft of lyric nature poem.

**Directions:** Use the following suggestions to revise and edit the excerpt. Mark your changes on this page. Then copy your corrected draft on a separate sheet of paper.

- Use words and phrases that evoke strong emotions.
- Use poetic conventions, such as rhyme, meter, alliteration, and onomatopoeia.
- Use correct spelling and grammar.

### My Tree

by Isabel Sharpe

Its branches go toward the sky

It's beauty reminds of days gone by

Of forts, and kites, and tire swings

Strong winds that blow to make it sing

Now old and wrinkled, like my hands

Still, against the trudging, unstoppable march of time it stands

As constant as the stars that come out at night

Its permanence a welcome sight

My carefree days are long gone

But, childhood memories still live