**Video 8:**

Sharing Your Work

You’ve done the hard part and written your poem. You could just put it away in a drawer and forget about it, but since you’ve worked so hard on it, it makes more sense to share it with somebody. This could just be your teacher when you send it in at the end of this workshop. Or you might want to read it to a member of your household. I’m hoping that your teachers will send your poems on to me, so that I can read them, too.

It would be great if you could record yourself reading your poem – either as a video, or just an audio recording. (You don’t have to do this, but it would be lovely to hear it read aloud.) When you’re reading your poem, there are a few things to remember:

* Speak in a loud voice. There’s no point reading your poem if nobody can hear what you’re saying, so try to be nice and loud.
* Try to be clear too. You’ve worked hard on choosing the right words and descriptions and images in your writing, so it would be a shame to waste all that hard work by mumbling them away.
* If you can, try looking at the camera. Obviously you can’t do this all the time, because you’re reading, but even if you can do it once or twice, it helps the person watching to feel included.
* Try to keep still. If you fidget a lot while you’re reading, it can be distracting, and people will end up concentrating on your fidgeting instead of on what you’re reading.

If you’re filming your poem, try to make sure there isn’t too much background noise (TV, people talking, lots of cars etc), so we can hear you clearly. Also try to film it in landscape mode, rather than portrait (so, with a phone held sideways on instead of long-ways), because this makes it easier to share it later.

Lastly, thank you for taking part in the Fellfoot Fables project. I hope you’ve enjoyed exploring the landscape around you a little bit, and writing your poem. And I hope that whoever you share it with enjoys hearing it. Don’t forget to send it to your teacher when you’re done!