

Two Voices: Notice we have two fireflies speaking “side-by-side” here.

Fireflies From JOYFUL NOISE By Paul Fleischman

Light ← → Light
is the ink we use
Night ← → Night
is our parchment
We're fireflies
fireflies ← → flickering
flitting
flashing
fireflies
glimmering ← → fireflies
gleaming
glowing
Insect calligraphers
practicing penmanship
copying sentences
Six-legged scribblers
of vanishing messages
Six-legged scribblers
fleeting graffiti
Fine artists in flight
adding dabs of light
Fine artists in flight
bright brush strokes
Signing the June nights
as if they were paintings
Signing the June nights
as if they were paintings
We're
flickering
fireflies
flickering
fireflies.
fireflies.

Lines in the poem are spoken at the same time.

Notice how you can have different words spoken at the same time too.

The author is using alliteration between the two voices too: **f**ireflies, **f**lickering, **f**litting.

Lots of imagery and personification throughout.

Simile