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## ***IF* STATEMENTS: PREWRITING**

In *If You're Afraid of the Dark, Remember the Night Rainbow* by Cooper Edens, "use stars for streetlights" and "dancing backwards" are just a couple of responses to life's problems, large and small. These are magical ideas that help us understand how it is possible to get through life's trials and tribulations. Use this worksheet as a place to brainstorm your own magical *if* statements. You will have a chance to revise these statements based on peer feedback and will then illustrate them for a class book.

1. Using *If You're Afraid of the Dark* as a model, start by thinking of some emotions or problems you may experience; these can be happy or sad and may include fear, doubt, joy, or loss. List these problems here:
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
2. Now think about your reactions to these emotions. What are some solutions or outcomes that might happen as a result? These can be real or imaginary. List these here:
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
3. Finally, draft three of your own *if* statements and responses to them in the space below:

If \_\_\_\_\_,

Response: \_\_\_\_\_.

If \_\_\_\_\_,

Response: \_\_\_\_\_.

If \_\_\_\_\_,

Response: \_\_\_\_\_.