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Student Guide

Connecting Poetry & Art

POETRY PROMPT

Persona Poem



Man Ray American, 1924 Le Violon d'Ingres (Ingres's Violin) Gelatin silver print 11% x 8¹⁵/₁₆ in. 86.XM.626.10 © Man Ray Trust ARS-ADAGP Select a work of art or an object depicted in the work of art and personify it by giving it human characteristics. How would it move if it came to life? In what ways does it resemble parts of the human body? What would the object see or think? How does it feel about its current location?

Write a poem from the perspective of your chosen work of art or object.