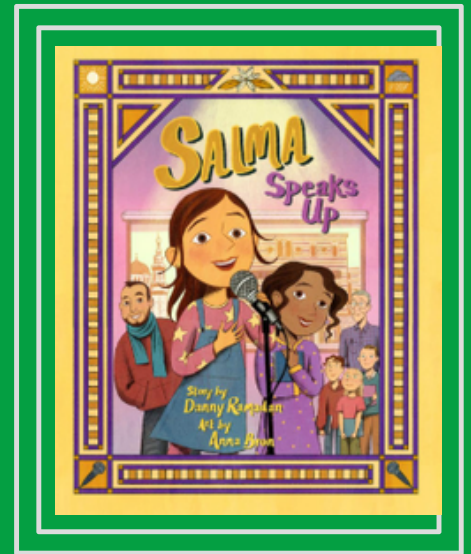


“Salma Speaks Up” by Danny Ramadan



Poetry: Your Brave Verse

Salma felt nervous about speaking and Riya was criticized for her accent. Salma and Riya learn to speak up and use their voices with confidence. Your turn!

The **Brave Verse** is a short, four-line poem that focuses on who you are and what you believe in. It doesn't have to rhyme! Create your own poem!

Structure:

| Line | Focus | Example Line (from a student) |
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| Line 1 | State a belief about yourself or your family/culture. (Start with "I believe that..." or "I know that...") | <i>I believe my Syrian stories are important.</i> |
| Line 2 | Describe a sound or language that is important to you. (Use strong describing words—adjectives). | <i>The Arabic words from my grandmother sound like music.</i> |
| Line 3 | Describe a time you felt shy or small. (Start with "But sometimes...") | <i>But sometimes, my voice shrinks when others speak loudly.</i> |
| Line 4 | State how you will speak up or be brave now. (A promise to yourself). | <i>So I will speak my words loudly and be proud of my map.</i> |

