**Introduction to Singing**

**I ask them take a note  
and bend it until it’s a purple light  
like the color of an eggplant**

**or make it buzz like an alarm clock.**

**I say set a jazzy note onto a raft  
and watch it sail away with the breeze,**

**or walk inside a song’s house  
and stay for afternoon tea.**

**I want them to play hopscotch  
with a song’s melody  
waving at the composer’s name on the score.**

**But all they want to do  
is sing the latest thing by Katy Perry  
or whoever the hottest pop star is nowadays.**

**They begin belting out some out-of-tune thing  
Never bothering to learn the notes on the page.**