

# *Turn the Beat Around!*

*Vicki Sue Robinson on  
The Midnight Special  
1976*



# *Refreshing Your ELL Toolkit*

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# Sounds American

- Practice American English sounds
- Shows mouth and lips or inside mouth (voiced/voiceless)
- Great way to practice minimal pairs

# Forvo

- Useful for names of people and places that aren't in the dictionary
- Example of student use: Ivan
- Learn other languages

# YouGlish

- How English really sounds in a sentence
- Collects clips from YouTube
- Gives definitions and pronunciation of nearby words
- Be careful! (Remember, it's YouTube!)

# Vocabulary.com

- Practice ready-made vocab lists (example: test prep)
- Make your own lists easily—copy and paste up to 100 pages of text
- My list for Ray Bradbury's "There Will Come Soft Rains"
- Students can practice in different ways: flashcards, spelling bee, vocab jam
- Saves student progress
- Caveat: You need a paid account to assign lists and view student progress

# Transcription Software (Happy Scribe)

- Create and edit subtitles
- Save videos
- Print transcript
- Limited (by length of video) transcriptions on free account
- Free account limit resets monthly
- Example of one I did: <https://youtu.be/hERu-yBJaik>

# Transcription Software (TurboScribe)

- Create transcription of videos (no subtitles)
- 3 transcriptions per day
- Can translate to other languages
- Download (PDF, Word, TXT) and print transcript
- Caveat: limited to shorter videos on free account

# TalkingPoints

- Allows you to contact students in English (and other languages)
- You can attach files (PDF, images, etc.)
- You can create as many classes/groups as you need
- Limited to 200 active students
- You can archive classes/students (and restore them later if needed)

# Lyrics Training

- Great practice for listening
- Students can do at home
- Create free account to save progress and favorites
- Karaoke mode
- Print lyrics, exercises
- Add your own videos! Here's one I added: [Orphaned Land, "Like Orpheus"](#)

# Cryptograms

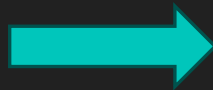
- Pre-made cryptograms in different themes
- Change options as you like and print
- Create your own! Make it as easy or difficult as you like
- I like quotes from Brainy Quote: easy to copy and paste
- Students learn strategies by thinking of letter patterns in English
- Students look forward to cryptograms! (Stickers!)
- Other fun stuff on the site (bingo markers)

# ChatGPT / Claude / other AI

- Lesson planning
- Example: [CODA](#) (click to see my conversation with ChatGPT—I helped it learn!)
- Translation
- Summarizing example: [“There Will Come Soft Rains”](#)
- Image generation example: [Great Wall](#)
- Speaking: **low-stakes practice!** Example: students can practice telling something to their boss, landlord, child’s teacher, etc. with feedback and without worry of saying something that is incorrect or offensive
- Other uses? Example: I was staying with a friend, and they weren’t home at the time. I couldn’t figure out how to change the volume on the remote, so I took a pic and asked ChatGPT: [confusing remote control!](#)

# Links to resources

- [Sounds American](#)
- [Forvo](#)
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Looking for [lyricstraining.com](#)?

Lingoclip Remember that you need to click here

Play in browser

Kiss Me More  
Doja Cat, SZA