Directions: read through the mentor text and annotate what stands out to you!

[**E. E. Cummings**](http://hellopoetry.com/-e-e-cummings/) **(1894 - 1962)**

**Humanity I Love You**

Humanity i love you  
because you would rather black the boots of  
success than enquire whose soul dangles from his  
watch-chain which would be embarrassing for both  
  
parties and because you  
unflinchingly applaud all  
songs containing the words country home and  
mother when sung at the old howard  
  
Humanity i love you because  
when you’re hard up you pawn your  
intelligence to buy a drink and when  
you’re flush pride keeps  
  
you from the pawn shop and  
because you are continually committing  
nuisances but more  
especially in your own house  
  
Humanity i love you because you  
are perpetually putting the secret of  
life in your pants and forgetting  
it’s there and sitting down  
  
on it  
and because you are  
forever making poems in the lap  
of death Humanity  
  
i hate you

Writer’s Notebook:

Write your own poem and use the line, **“Humanity I hate you because…”** or **“Humanity I love because…”**